

Date of Decision: June 23, 2016

...Petitioners

...Respondents

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The present petition has been filed under Section 482 seeking direction to respondents Nos.2 and 3 to provide to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 10.12.1994 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 10.11.1980 and copies of Matriculation certificates of both the petitioners depicting this fact are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

Ld. Counsel for the petitioners states that petitioner No.2 was earlier married to one Kulwinder Kaur, which marriage stands dissolved by way of a decree with mutual consent passed on 11.3.2016 by District Judge, Gurdaspur. He has placed a copy of the said decree on record in Court today.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 20.6.2016 according to Sikh rites at Gurudwara Guru Nanak Niwas Sahib, Village Karol Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali. The photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3(Colly.). Private respondents No.4 to 8 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage against their wishes. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 20.6.2016 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the validity of the marriage and the age of the petitioners and keeping in view the binding precedent of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Lata Singh v. State of U.P. And another, 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478**, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law.

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**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**