

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Crl.Misc. No.M- 21723 of 2016
Date of decision: 24.06.2016

Suhani alias Salma and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU,J

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is 21.04.1998 and of petitioner No. 2 is 01.01.1990. Copies of the certificates with regard to their age proof are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It is averred in the petition that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 15.06.2016 according to Muslim Rites. The copy of marriage certificate and photographs of marriage ceremony are attached as

Annexures P-3 and P-4. The petitioner No.1 is Hindu by religion but on

14.06.2016, she converted her religion from Hindu to Muslim with her own will. The copy of affidavit in this regard is attached as Annexure P-5. Private respondents No.4 to 6 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 15.06.2016 (Annexure P-6) to respondent Nos.2 and 3 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 Nos. 2 and 3 to look into the representation (Annexure P-6) in accordance with law.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

24.06.2016
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