

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.36767 of 2016
Date of Decision: 13.10.2016**

Astha Malik and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Mohinder Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., is for seeking protection to life and liberty of both the petitioners-Astha Malik and Karnik Bhumbak, who claim themselves to be major and allegedly performed inter caste marriage on 07.10.2016 against the wishes of relations (respondent no. 4 to 6) of petitioner no.1-wife. Having performed marriage against the wishes of aforesaid respondents, now petitioners apprehend threat to their life at the hands of said respondents. It is further stated that the couple is residing at House No.108, New Kundan Puri, Civil Lines, Police Station Division No.4, Ludhiana, Punjab, whereas respondents 4 to 6 are also residents of the same district.

After hearing learned Counsel for the petitioners and keeping in view the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Lata Singh v. State of U.P. and another, JT 2006 (6) SC 173**, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioners to present

themselves before Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, and to make a detailed representation expressing therein their grievance and threat perception. In case, any such representation is made, the Commissioner of Police concerned shall look into the matter personally and take appropriate action, if so warranted in accordance with law.

Petition stands disposed of.

October 13, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>