

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

Sr. No. 118

**CRM No.M-41159 of 2016
Date of decision: November 17, 2016**

Harpreet Kaur and another Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Petitioners in person with
Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate

JASPAL SINGH, J.

By virtue of the instant petition preferred under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioners have sought issuance of directions to respondent Nos. 2 & 3 to protect their lives and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 6, by providing them security.

2. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only, at this stage.

3. At the asking of Court, Mr. RPS Sidhu, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab. Copy of the petition be supplied to learned State counsel during the course of day. Respondent No.4 (father of petitioner No.1) has appeared along with his counsel Mr. Jagjit Singh and allowed to sit in the Court along with petitioner No.1 and had a talk with her.

4. As per the version unfolded by the petitioners, they are major in age and have solemnized marriage on November 11, 2016. In support

thereof, they have placed on record photographs of marriage Annexure P-3.

5. Without expressing any opinion on the validity of the marriage and keeping in view the mandate of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. and another, JT 2006 (6) SC 173, the present petition is disposed of, with the direction to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the grievances narrated in their representation dated November 11, 2016 (Annexure P-5) and to take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

6. This order shall not be construed to be conferring the legitimacy or authenticity to the factum of marriage having been performed as well as their age, as the Court is clearly deprived of any means to determine the aforesaid facts.

November 17, 2016
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No