

128 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22451 of 2017(O&M)

Date of Decision: 21.06.2017

Mani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr. Sunil K. Tandon, Advocate for the petitioners.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 7.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 20.04.1999 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 16.09.1993. Copies of the Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has placed on record the birth certificate of petitioner No.1 in which date of birth of petitioner No.1 is mentioned as 20.04.1999. Photocopy of the same is taken on record as Mark 'A'.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 19.06.2017 according to Sikh rites at Gurudwara Guru Nanak Niwas Sahib at Mohali. The certificate and photographs of the marriage is attached as Annexures P-3 and P-4 respectively. Private respondents No. 4 to 7 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 19.06.2017 (Annexure P-5) 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 said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

June 21, 2017

Atul

**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No