

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-34193 of 2017
Date of Decision : 14.09.2017

Ekta Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. M.N. Jajoria, Advocate for the petitioners.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J.(Oral)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 7.

It is stated in the petition that the date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is 10.04.1996 and that of petitioner No. 2 is 20.07.1996. Copy of Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.1 is annexed as Annexure P-1 and copy of Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.2 is annexed as Annexures P-2. They are stated to have solemnized their marriage on 11.09.2017. Copy of Marriage Certificate and the photographs in this regard are annexed as Annexures P-3 and P-4 respectively. It is further stated in the petition that the petitioners had also made a representation dated 12.09.2017 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2 but no action has so far been taken thereon.

Issue notice to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

At the asking of the Court Ms. Seena Mand, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

Ms. Satinder Kaur, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of respondents No. 4 and 5.

Without expressing any opinion on the validity of the marriage and keeping in view the mandate of the Hon'ble Supreme 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 a direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur to look into the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

September 14, 2017.
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned ? *Yes*

Whether reportable ? *No*