

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

**CRM No. M-36494 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 27.09.2017**

Neha Kumari and another

...Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Akashdeep Sethi, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger from respondents No.4 and 5.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioners that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 03.10.1998 and that of petitioner No.2 is 12.04.1995. Copy of Affidavit of petitioner No.1 is annexed as Annexure P-1 and copy of Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.2 is annexed as Annexure P-2. They are stated to have solemnized their marriage on 25.09.2017. The marriage certificate and the photographs in this regard are annexed as Annexures P-3 and P-4. It is further stated in the petition that the petitioners had also made a representation dated 25.09.2017 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana, but no action has so far been taken thereon.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that inadvertently in the memo of parties, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana has been arraigned as respondent No.2 instead of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

At his oral request, the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana shall be read as respondent No.2 instead of Senior Superintendent of Police.

Issue notice to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Seena Mand, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

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-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : | YES/NO |
| 2. Whether reportable : | YES/NO |