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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46503 of 2017(O&M)
Date of Decision: December 06, 2017

Shalini and another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr.Mayank Aggarwal, Advocate
with 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 Nos.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 15.06.1995 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 05.07.1996. Copies of Aadhaar Cards of the petitioners are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 05.12.2017 according to Hindu rites at Shri Bala Ji Jyotish Kendar, Mansa Devi Market, Sector-4, Panchkula. The certificate of marriage and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4 (colly), respectively. Private respondents No.4 to 7 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners have performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have also submitted representation dated 05.12.2017 (Annexure P-5) to the Superintendent of Police, Jind - 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, respondent No.2 is directed to look into the representation

dated 05.12.2017 (Annexure P-5) and take necessary action in accordance with law.

At this stage, Ld. Counsel for the petitioners states that respondents No.4 to 7 are present in the Court complex and there is imminent danger to the lives of the petitioners, if they leave the court premises without any security cover. He further states that to ensure their security, they be sent to Protection Home, Panchkula.

In view of the above, it is directed that the petitioners be provided shelter in the Protection Home, Panchkula. The Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula or in his absence, the concerned Authorities to make necessary arrangements in this regard.

Head Constable Nasib Singh (No.3047) and Lady Constable Rajneesh (No.4368), who are present in Court would escort the petitioners to Protection Home, Panchkula and ensure adequate security to the petitioners meanwhile.

Copy of the order be supplied to HC Nasib Singh as also to Ld. Counsel for the petitioners under the signatures of the Special Secretary of the Bench.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

December 06, 2017

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking / Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes / No