

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

**CRM-M-50095-of 2017
Date of Decision:28.12.2017**

Palwinder Kaur and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : Mr. Dheeraj Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioners.

G.S. SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

In the present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners seek directions to provide protection to their lives and liberty from the private respondents No.4 to 7, who are stated to be relatives of petitioner No.1.

It is pleaded that petitioners have got married on 25.12.2017 in Gurudwara Gurudwara Guru Nanak Niwas Sahib, Village Karon Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali. Marriage certificate is appended as Annexure P-3. The photographs of the marriage have been appended as Annexure P-4. It is further submitted that the date of birth of petitioners are 8.10.1998 and 19.2.1995 respectively. In respect of age proof, photocopies of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners are appended as Annexures P-1 and P-2.

It is submitted that petitioner No.2 is working as a Press Reporter in the channel "Jaibhim" and is also working as a Driver, whereas petitioner No.1 has also passed her B.A. Part-I.

Petitioners are stated to be belonging to different castes, in as much as petitioner No.1 belongs to Kabir Panthi and petitioner No.2 belongs to Balmiki castes, both scheduled castes and therefore, the relatives

have not accepted their marriage which took place on 25.12.2017.

A representation dated 25.12.2017 (Annexure P-5) has been filed with Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Batala in this regard and resultantly this Court has been approached.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Suveer Sheokand, Addl. A.G. Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State. Copies have been supplied.

After hearing counsel for the parties, without commenting upon the validity/legality of the marriage or 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 above said representation filed by the petitioners and take appropriate action in accordance with law and provide protection, if so required.

28.12.2017
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes/No**

Whether reportable **Yes/No**