

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

CRM-M-50123-2017

Decided on: 29.12.2017

Ranoo Devi and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Dhawaljeet Dutta, 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 respondents No.2 and 3 for protecting the life and liberty and not to interfere in the peaceful married life of the petitioners. Similarly, directions are sought to ensure the security of life and liberty of the petitioners from respondents No.4 to 8 who are stated to be relatives of petitioner No.1.

It has been pleaded that date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 10.09.1996 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 01.06.1993, as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1 and 2). It has further been pleaded that petitioner No.2 is working in the office of Sanitation Department and he is in a position to bear the burden of matrimonial life. The marriage is opposed on account of the fact that the same is inter caste, as the petitioner No.1 belongs to SC Category, whereas petitioner No.2 belongs to Majhbi Sikh Caste.

It is further pleaded that they have got married on 27.12.2017 at Gurudwara Dashmesh Pita Badshai 10th, Village Nada, Singa Devi, Mohali. Photocopy of the marriage certificate duly attested by the counsel

has been placed on record as Annexure P-5. The photographs of the marriage have been appended as Annexure P-3. It has further been mentioned that father of petitioner No.1 is a police official in Jammu & Kashmir and, thus, apprehension is there.

It is further the case of the petitioners that representation dated 27.12.2017 (Annexure P-4) has been filed with respondent No.2 in this regard and resultantly the present petition has been filed.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Suveer Sheokand, Addl. AG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 3. Copy of the paper-book has been supplied.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners, 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 Vs. State of U.P. and another 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478***, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondents No.2 & 3 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.

DECEMBER 29, 2017

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*