

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

**Crl.Misc. No.M-98 of 2017
Date of decision: 06.01.2017**

Diksha and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.Satinder Kumar Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents Nos.4 to 6.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is 7.11.1994 and of petitioner No. 2 is 1.1.1994. Copies of the Identity Cards issued by Election Commission of India with regard to their age proof are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It is averred in the petition that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 4.1.2017 according to Hindu rites. The photographs of marriage ceremony are attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondents No. 4

to 6 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 4.1.2017 (Annexure P-5) to 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*, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

January 6, 2017
Paritosh Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No