

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

CRM-M-4493 of 2019(O&M)

Date of Decision: 30.01.2019

Bhawna and anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr. Neeraj Januha, Advocate
for 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 12.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 07.03.1994 and petitioner No.2 is 14.03.1992 and copies of Aadhar Card of both the petitioners to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that this is the first marriage of petitioner No.1 and second marriage of petitioner No.2, who had obtained divorce from the Court vide judgment dated 09.01.2019 in respect of his previous marriage. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 24.01.2019 as per the Hindu Rites and Ceremonies. The marriage Certificate and photographs are attached as Annexures P-3 and P-4 respectively. Private respondents No. 4 to 12 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 24.01.2019 (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 parties 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 matter and take necessary action in accordance with law.

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No