

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

**CRM-M-4978 of 2019
Date of Decision: 01.02.2019**

Neha and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr. Amit Wadhwa, 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 respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 6.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 15.02.1995 and petitioner No.2 was born in the year 1992 and copies of affidavits of both the petitioners to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 30.01.2019 according to Christian rites at Sadhu Sunder Singh Church at Morinda. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4, respectively. 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 30.01.2019 (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 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 said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

February 01, 2019

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**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No