

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

**CRM-M-5984 of 2019
Date of Decision: 08.02.2019**

Rekha Rani @ Richa and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr. Mandeep Singh Kaler, 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 7.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 03.06.1989 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 02.10.1979 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 the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 15.01.2019 according to Hindu rites at Tridev Sanatan Dharam Prachar Samiti (Regd.) Booth No.249, MDC Sector-4, Panchkula. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4, respectively. Private respondents No.4 to 7 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 20.01.2019 (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 08, 2019

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**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No