

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

131

CRM-M-6402 of 2019

Date of decision: 08.02.2019

Lakhi Kumari and Another

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Ms. Richa, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.(ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C.seeking direction to respondents Nos.1 to 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 and 5.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 06.06.1997 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 17.08.1992 and copies of Adhar Cards of petitioner No.1 & petitioner No.2 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 02.02.2019 according to Christian Rites and Ceremonies. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4(Colly.), respectively. Private respondents No.4 and 5 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 04.02.2019 (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

Poonam Sharma

**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:Yes/No

Whether Reportable:Yes/No