

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

CRM-M 9317 of 2019

Date of Decision: 28.2.2019

Nisha Rani and Anr.

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present : Mr. Karan Sachdeva, 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.2 & 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 date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 07.6.1997 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 10.3.1996 and copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 to this effect are attached as Annexure P.1 & P.2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 22.02.2019 as per sikh rites at Gurudwara Guru Nank Niwas Sahib, Village Karor Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar. The marriage Certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4 (colly.), 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 25.02.2019 (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 28, 2019
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(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No