

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

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**CRM-M No. 9891 of 2019
Date of decision : 1.3.2019**

Rajneet Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

v.

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, Advocate, for the petitioners

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. Seeking directions to respondents No.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 5.2.2000 and of petitioner No. 2 is 15.7.1992 and copies of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners to this effect are attached at Annexures P1 and P2 respectively.

It has been submitted that marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 28.2.2019 as per Hindu rites at Prachin Shiv Mandir, MDC, Panchkula. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexures P3 and P4 respectively. Private respondents No.4 to 6 are opposed the marriage as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 28.2.2019 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

At this stage Mr. Nitin Verma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 to 6 and has filed memo of appearance, which is taken on record. He states that the apprehension expressed in the petition regarding threat from the said respondents is baseless.

Be that as it may, after hearing learned 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 UP 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.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

1.3.2019
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Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Reportable	Yes/No