

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-17124-2019

Date of decision: 25.06.2019

Rakhi Bandana and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Harinder Singh Sidhu

Present: Petitioners in person along with
Mr. Gursewak Singh, Advocate.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of Constitution of India for seeking direction to official respondent No.2 & 3 to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

It has been averred that year of birth of petitioner No.1 is 1994 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 20.10.1997 and copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioners No.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 & P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 23.06.2019 as per Hindu Rites and ceremonies at Pasupati Nath Shiv Mandir (Regd.) M.D.C., Sector-6, Panchkula (Haryana). The Marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexures P-3 & 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 23.06.2019 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

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 vs. 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.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

25.06.2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No