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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-1751-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: December 6, 2019

Sunita Pal and another

...Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Goldy Jakhar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 4 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos. 5 and 9.

It has been averred that the the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 12.12.2000 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 01.01.1997. Affidavit and copy of Aadhar Card of petitioner Nos. 1 & 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 25.07.2019 according to Hindu rites at Chintpurni Mandir, Village Kandhwala, Amarkot, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka. The photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 (colly.). Private respondent Nos. 5 to 9 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had

performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 04.12.2019 (Annexure P-4) 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.

December 6, 2019
Pardeep

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No