

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

CRWP-2357 of 2019

Date of Decision: 20.12.2019

Chitra Upadhyay and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present:- Mr. Kamaljit Singh Dhillon, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents Nos. 2 to 4 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.5 to 7.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 28.12.1997 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 29.09.1994 and copies of passports of petitioners No.1 and 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-2 and P-1 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 01.12.2019 according to Hindu rites and customs at Chaar Dhaam Shri Shiv Shakti Mandir, New Raja Garden, Mithapur Road, Jalandhar. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-5 and P-6 (Colly.) respectively. Private respondents No. 5 to 7 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted

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representation dated 14.12.2019 (Annexure P-7) 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.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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