

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

CRWP No.4270 of 2020

Date of Decision :30.06.2020

Sukhpreet Singh and another

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

....Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Gulati, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.

2. Prayer in the Criminal Writ Petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 8 by providing security and for restraining respondent Nos.4 to 8 or any other person from interfering in the married life of the petitioners. It is further prayed that the official respondents be directed to decide the representation, Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020 submitted by the petitioners.

3. Learned counsel contends that the petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty on account of having performed marriage on 26.06.2020, against the wishes of respondent No.4 to 8. Learned counsel contends that the petitioners fulfill all the conditions stipulated under law to entitle them to get married, they are major as date of birth of petitioner No.1 as per Aadhaar Card, Annexure P/1 is 10.12.1995 while that of petitioner No.2 as per Aadhaar Card Annexure P/2 is 24.09.2000. The petitioners have also attached marriage certificate, Annexure P/3 dated

representation Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020 to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mansa, Punjab, for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken in respect thereto till date and that in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020, in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only at this stage. Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and states that he has no objection to the limited prayer of the petitioners.

5. In view of the decision of Hon'ble the Supreme Court in **Lata Singh vs. State of UP and others, JT 2006 (6) SC, 173** but without commenting upon the age of the petitioners, validity of their marriage or the authenticity of the documents attached with the writ petition, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mansa, Punjab, to decide the representation, Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020, submitted by the petitioners as expeditiously as possible and take such action in accordance with law as may be warranted keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners. However, it is made clear that this order shall not bar any civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners in accordance with law.

6. Petition disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

30.06.2020
'Amit-Rajesh'

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