

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

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CRWP No. 6021 of 2020
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Harpreet Kaur and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Ms. K.K. Dhaliwal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

(Proceedings are conducted through video
conferencing as per instructions).

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

In the present petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners seek directions to provide protection to the life and liberty from the private respondents No. 4 and 5 on account of their marriage which has taken place on 11.08.2020. The marriage certificate and photographs have been appended as Annexures P-3 and P-4.

The petitioners are stated to be major, as the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 20.12.2001 and as per Adhar Card, the year of birth is 2001 (Annexures P-1) and the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 24.09.1995 as per Adhar Card (Annexure P-2).

A representation dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P-5) has also been filed with respondent no. 2 in this regard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State and Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of respondents no. 4 and 5 and submits that the father

of the girl-respondent no. 4 namely Gurmeet Singh has no objection to the marriage which has been performed. The petitioner no. 1 has also been made to interact with her father by way of video conferencing.

Keeping in view the above, this Court is hopeful that respondents no. 4 and 5 shall reconcile to the fact that their daughter Harpreet Kaur has got married on her own and she being hale and hearty, they shall not interfere in her matrimonial life.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the validity/legality of the marriage or the age of the petitioners and in view of 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 the direction to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to look into the above said representation filed by the petitioners and take appropriate action in accordance with law and provide protection, if so required.

17.08.2020
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No