

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

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**CRWP-6167-2020 (O&M)
Decided on : 20.08.2020**

Preeti & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present : Mr. J.S.Mahal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr.B.S.Sewak, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video conferencing,
as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawal, J. (Oral)

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Allowed, as prayed for.

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In the present petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioners seek directions to provide protection to the life and liberty from the private respondents No. 4 to 12, who are relatives of petitioner No.1 on account of their marriage which has taken place on 14.08.2020 as per Christian Rites and ceremonies at the Tabernacle Prayer Church in House Hall Gurdaspur. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are annexed as Annexures P-3 and P-5, respectively.

The petitioner No.1 is stated to be major, as the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 02.12.1999 whereas the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 04.02.2000, as per photocopy of the matriculation certificate of petitioner No.1 and AADHAR Card of petitioner No.2 are appended as Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively.

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It is the case of the petitioners that they got married as per the Christian rites and ceremonies and apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of the private respondents and have filed a representation dated 14.08.2020 (Annexure P-4) with respondent No.2, in this regard.

Notice of motion.

State Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Accordingly, keeping in view the fact that the petitioners have got married 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 respondents No.2 & 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.

AUGUST 20, 2020
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No