

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

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**CRWP No.6393 of 2020
Decided on :26.08.2020**

Rekha Kachhawaha and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

(The proceedings are being 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 Nos.4 to 6, who are family members of petitioner No.1, on account of their marriage which has taken place on 23.08.2020 as per Hindu rites and rituals in Tri Dev Snatan Dharam Prachar Samiti (Regd.), Booth No.249, MDC, Sector-4, Panchkula. The marriage certificate has been appended as Annexures P-3.

The year of birth of petitioner No.1 is 1997 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and the year of birth of petitioner No.2 is 1995 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2). The marriage of the petitioners is stated to be inter caste as petitioner No.1 is a Marwari girl.

A representation dated 24.08.2020 (Annexure P-4) has also been filed with respondent No.2 in this regard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. AS Sandhu, Additional AG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners, 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.

26.08.2020
Parveen

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No