

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

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**CRWP No.6391 of 2020
Decided on :26.08.2020**

Puja Rani @ Sukina another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present : Ms. Surinder Kaur, 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 and 5, who are relatives of petitioner No.2, on account of their marriage which has taken place on 05.08.2020 as per Hindu rites and rituals in Shiv Mandir, village Jhansla, Tehsil Rajpura. Petitioner No.1 has allegedly converted from Muslim to Hindu religion and also changed her name from Sukina to Puja Rani and thereafter performed the marriage with petitioner No.2 with her own free will and without any pressure. The conversion-cum-marriage certificate has been appended as Annexures P-3.

The year of birth of petitioner No.1 is 1989 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 01.01.1980 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2).

A representation dated 07.08.2020 (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 conversion 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