

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

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**CRWP No.7398 of 2020
Decided on :18.09.2020**

Sonika and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Devender Singh Lather, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

(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 8, who are parents and relatives of petitioner No.1, on account of their marriage which has taken place on 14.09.2020 as per Hindu rites and rituals at Maa Bagla Mukhi Welfare Society, Fazilka, Punjab. The marriage certificate has been appended as Annexures P-3.

The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 15.08.1996 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 20.11.2000 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2).

A representation dated 14.09.2020 (Annexure P-4) has also been filed with respondent No.2 in this regard. It is averred that petitioner No.2 is driver by profession and is in position to bear the burden of

matrimonial life.

Notice of motion.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, 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.

18.09.2020
Parveen

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No