

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

CRWP No.9418 of 2020

Date of Decision: 12.11.2020

Arti Devi and Anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Umesh Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution seeking direction to respondent Nos.2 & 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 11.10.2002 while petitioner No.2 was born in 2001. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 & P.3 respectively.

It has been submitted that eventually the petitioners came in contact with each other and became friends. Petitioners are living together out of their own free will but the private respondents are constantly threatening the petitioners. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 05.11.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondent.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the age of the petitioners and

keeping in view the binding precedent of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Lata Singh v. State of U.P. And another**, 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

November 12, 2020
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(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No