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

CRWP No.9487-2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: November 16, 2020

Ashu Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr.Amandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, DAG, Punjab.

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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 respondent Nos.4 and 5.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 02.11.2000 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 09.01.1991. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 & P.2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 11.11.2020 at Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir, MDC, Sector-6, Panchkula. Copy of Marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondent Nos.4 and 5 are opposed to the marriage, as the

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petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 11.11.2020 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the validity of the marriage 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 16, 2020

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking / Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes / No