

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

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CRWPNo. 3796 of 2021(O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.04.2021

Neha and another

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.Virender Singh, Advocate for the petitioners .

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU J.

Case is taken up through Video Conferencing on account of COVID-2019.

Present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the constitution of India seeking direction to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos. 4 to 6.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 11.04.2003 while the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 17.12.2001. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 11.04.2021 according to the *sikh rites and rituals* at Gurudwara Sahib, Mohali. The marriage photographs attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondents No. 4 to 6 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 11.04.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of 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 Vs. State of U.P. & 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.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

22.04.2021
Anjal

Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No