

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No. 3819 of 2021

Date of Decision: 22.04.2021

Sunita Devi and another

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Deepak K. Bartia, 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 226/227 of
the constitution of India seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 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
09.02.1993 while the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 20.11.1992. Copies of
Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-2
and P-3 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was
solemnized on 19.04.2021 according to the *hindu rites and rituals* at Shree Bala Ji
Jyotish Kendra Mandir Mansa Devi Complex Panchkula. The marriage
photographs attached as Annexure P-5. 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 19.04.2021
(Annexure P-6) 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
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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No