

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

CRWP-3962-2021

Date of decision: 27.04.2021

Aruna Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Amit Wadhwa, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondent Nos.2 to 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 7.

It has been averred that the year of birth of petitioner No.1 is 2000 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 05.01.1978. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P- 2 respectively. It is a second marriage of petitioner No.2 as he was divorcee before this marriage and the decree dated 10.07.2017 is annexed with the petition as Annexure P-5.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 19.04.2021 according to Sikh rites at Guruduwara Sahib Shri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji Mohalla Shri Chand Nagar Railway Gate (Sixth Patshahi), Burja Road Malout, Shri Muktsar Sahib. The marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondent Nos.4 to 7 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-4) 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 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.

27.04.2021
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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether reportable? | Yes / No |
| 2. | Whether reasoned / speaking? | Yes / No |