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

CRWP-4236-2021

Date of decision : 04.05.2021

Gagandeep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video
conferencing, as per instructions)

G.S. SANDHAWALIA, J. (ORAL)

In the present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners seek directions to provide protection to the life and liberty from the private respondents Nos.4 to 6, who are relatives of petitioner No.1, on account of their inter-caste marriage which has taken place on 29.04.2021 as per Hindu Rites and rituals. The marriage certificate has been appended as Annexure P-3 and photographs have been appended as Annexure P-4.

The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 12.07.1998 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1). The date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 01.12.1998 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2).

A representation dated 29.04.2021 (Annexure P-5) has also been filed with respondent No.2 in this regard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners, without commenting upon the validity/legality of the marriage or the age of the petitioners and in view of the binding precedent of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. and another 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478**, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2 to look into the above said representation filed by the petitioners and take appropriate action in accordance with law and provide protection, if so required.

In case there is any material concealment about any of the facts mentioned in the petition, it will be open to any of the parties to bring the same to the notice of this Court then this order will be liable to be withdrawn.

04.05.2021

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- **Yes/No**

Whether reportable:- **Yes/No**