

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

**CRWP-5848-2021**

**Date of decision: 28.06.2021**

Aakanksha Chaddha and another

Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

Respondents

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**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU**

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Present: Mr. Deepak Verma, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

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**HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.**

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 respondents No. 4 to 12.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 25.08.1994 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 03.03.1991. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that it is the first marriage of petitioner No.1 and second marriage of petitioner No.2. Petitioner No.2 was earlier

married on 08.10.2019, however, that marriage has been dissolved by decree of divorce by mutual consent dated 20.04.2021 (P-4) . Thereafter, the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 18.06.2021 according to Hindu rites at Pracheen Guga Marhi, Rama Krishna Mandir, Sector 19-D, Chandigarh. The marriage Certificate attached as Annexure P-5. Private respondent No. 4 to 12 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 07.06.2021 (Annexure P-6) 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.

**28.06.2021**  
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**( HARINDER SINGH SIDHU )**  
**JUDGE**

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