

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

CRWP No.5920 of 2021

Date of Decision: 30.06.2021

Mannat & Anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. S.K Uppal, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution 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 20.08.2002 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 16.06.2000. Affidavits in original sworn by petitioner Nos.1 & 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 23.06.2021 according to Christian Rites at a Church in Village Aujla, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur. The marriage Certificate and the photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 and Annexure P.4 (colly.) respectively. Private respondent Nos.4 to 6 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 24.06.2021 (Annexure P-3) 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.

June 30, 2021
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(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No