

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

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CRWP-6348-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 09.07.2021

Manisha and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.L.S.Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The case is taken up through video conferencing on account of COVID 2019.

Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 9.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 08.01.2001 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 16.09.1998. Copy of affidavit of petitioner No.1 and copy of Aadhar Card of petitioner No. 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 06.07.2021 according to Sikh rites and ceremonies at Gurudwara Sahib, Jalandhar. The marriage Certificate attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondent No. 4 to

9 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 06.07.2021 (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.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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