

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

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CRWP-8698 of 2021

Date of Decision: September 13, 2021

Rupinder Kaur Malhi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr.Amit Shukla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.Sarabjit Singh Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This petition has been filed under Article 226/227 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 respondent No.4.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 4.11.1975 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 11.10.1990. Copies of Aadhar Cards showing date of birth of petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 are attached as Annexure P-1 to P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 30.8.2021 as per Sikh Rites and Ceremonies at Gurudwara Sahib situated at Jalandhar. The marriage certificate is attached as Annexure P-4. It has been further submitted that petitioner No.1 was earlier married to one Parnav Kumar Jha. He unfortunately died on 23.07.2010. There is no

child from the marriage. It is the first marriage of petitioner No.2. Respondent No.4, who is sister of petitioner No.1 is opposed to the marriage. The petitioners apprehend danger to their lives and liberty from respondent No.4. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 8.9.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

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 Versus State of U.P. and another, 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478, the present petition is disposed of with direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Bathinda (respondent No.2) to look into the said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

September 13, 2021

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking / Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes / No