

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

CRWP-8890-2021
Date of decision : 17.9.2021

Mayank and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mrs. Sheenam Kamboj, Advocate for the petitioners

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

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

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking direction to respondent Nos.2 & 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 7.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 10.1.1996 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 31.1.1997. Both the petitioners are major. 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 the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 14.9.2021 according to Hindu rites at Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir Society, MDC, Sector 4, Panchkula. Copy of marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondent Nos.4 to 7 are

opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 14.9.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur 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.

17.9.2021
gsv

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No