

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-879-2022

Date of decision: 03.03.2022

Prabhjot Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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.2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 20.07.2002 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 20.03.1990.

It has been submitted that petitioner No. 1 was earlier married but her husband has died. Petitioner No. 1 and petitioner No.2 are known to each other. Petitioner No.1 has strained relations with their in-laws family because of which she left her matrimonial home and have

decided to live with petitioner No.2. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 07.10.2021 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No 2 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondent. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 24.02.2022 according to Sikh Rites at Guruduwara Shaheedan, Village Jalalpur Khurd. Copy of the marriage Certificate has been filed in the Court today. Private respondent No. 4 to 8 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent.

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.

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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