

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-652-2022

Date of decision : 24.1.2022

Richa Bangia alias Richa Rai and another Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Bhavesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for petitioners.

Mr. Rehat Bir Singh Mann, DAG Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents No. 1 to 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 11. It is stated that it is second marriage of petitioners after obtaining divorce.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is 19.3.1987 while date of birth of petitioner No. 2 is 8.4.1987. Copies of Aadhar Card and Matriculation Certificate showing date of birth of petitioner No. 1 and copies of Aadhar Card and Matriculation Certificate showing date of birth of petitioner No. 2 are attached as Annexure P-1 to Annexure P-4 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 19.1.2022. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are attached as Annexure P-5 and Annexure P-6 respectively. Private respondents No. 4 to 11 are opposing to the marriage as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 19.1.2022 (Annexure P-7) 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 Commissioner of Police, District Ludhiana (respondent No. 2) to look into the said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

24.1.2022

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Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No