

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

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CRWP-1894-2022

Date of decision:04.03.2022

Ekta Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents No. 2 and 3 provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 10.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 13.01.1997 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 20.08.1994. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioners No. 1 and 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 28.02.2022 according to Hindu Rites at Prachin Pashupati

Nath Shiv Mandir, Society, MDC Sector-4 Panchkula. The marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondent No. 4 to 10 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) 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.

04.03.2022
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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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