

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-3913-2022

Date of decision : 28.4.2022

Jashanpreet Kaur and another	Versus	 Petitioner (s)
State of Punjab and others		 Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Kushaldeep Sandhu, Advocate
for petitioners.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional A.G. Punjab

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents No. 2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

It is averred that petitioners are major. Petitioner No. 1 is a divorcee. No child was born out of first marriage of petitioner No. 1. Petitioner No. 2 is unmarried. It is stated that petitioners are acquainted to each other since long and are in love relationship. The parents of petitioner No. 1 have agreed to solemnize the marriage of petitioner No. 1 with petitioner No. 2. After some time, petitioner No. 1 realized that her parents will not solemnize marriage of petitioner No. 1 with petitioner No. 2. Petitioner No. 1 was forced to solemnize marriage with a boy of their own choice. Thereafter, petitioners left their home and solemnized marriage on 25.4.2022. The marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are annexed as Annexure P-3 and Annexure P-4 respectively. It is stated that petitioners apprehend danger to their life and liberty at the hands of private respondents. In this regard, they have submitted representation dated 25.4.2022 (Annexure P-5) to official respondents 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.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

28.4.2022
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Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No