

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

CRWP-4914-2022

Date of Decision: 23.05.2022

Manisha Devi and another

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU.

Present: Mr. Manjeet Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. R.K. Singla, DAG, Haryana.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 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 respondent Nos.4 and 5.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 10.07.2002 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 08.12.2000. 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 14.05.2022 according to Hindu rites at Sankat Mochan Seva Samiti, Apolo Road, Jind, Haryana. The marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondent Nos.4 and 5 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 19.05.2022 (Annexure P-4) 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 v. State of U.P. And another*, 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to look into the said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

23.05.2022

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No**Whether reportable* *Yes/No*