

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

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CRWP-5343-2022

Date of decision: 01.06.2022

Simranpreet Singh and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.Jatinder Nagpal, Advocate
for the petitioners

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking directions 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 to 7.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 26.01.1998 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 04.08.1999. Both the petitioners are major. 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 28.05.2022 according to Hindu rites at Pracheen Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir Society, MDC, Sector 4, Panchkula. The photographs of the marriage and the marriage Certificate are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4 with the petition. Private respondent Nos.4 to 7 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 28.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) 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 No.2 to look into the representation (Annexure P-5) and take necessary action in accordance with law.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/non-speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No