

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

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**CRWP No.5726 of 2022
Decided on : 13.06.2022**

Sivani and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, Advocate for the petitioners.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

In the present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners seek directions to provide protection to the life and liberty from the private respondents Nos. 5 to 8, who are relatives of petitioner No.1, on account of their marriage which has taken place on 07.06.2022 as per Sikh rites and ceremonies.

The marriage certificate has been appended as Annexure P-3 and photographs have been appended as Annexure P-4. The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 19.03.2003 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 31.07.2000 as per Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2).

Counsel submits that the apprehension is that respondent No.5 as such would harass the petitioner since he did not come forward in the police station, whereas other respondents have agreed to the marriage.

A representation dated 07.06.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been filed with respondent Nos.2 to 4 in this regard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. AG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 3/State.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners, without commenting upon the validity/legality of the marriage or the age of the petitioners and in view of the binding precedent of the **Hon'ble Apex Court in Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. and another, 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478**, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent Nos.2 to 4 to look into the above said representation filed by the petitioners regarding the threat perception from respondent No.5 and take appropriate action in accordance with law and provide protection, if so required.

In case there is any material concealment about any of the facts mentioned in the petition, it will be open to any of the parties to bring the same to the notice of this Court then this order will be liable to be withdrawn.

June 13, 2022
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No