SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
			WPCRL No. 1698 of 2023
			<u>Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, ACJ.</u>
			<u>Hon'ble Vivek Bharti Sharma, J.</u>
			(1) Mr. Jasmeet Singh, Advocate holding brief of Mr. Harshpal Sekhon, learned counsel for the petitioners.
			(2) Mr. R.K. Joshi, learned Brief Holder for the State of Uttarakhand.
			(3) Petitioners have approached this Court for protection. According to them, father & family members of petitioner no. 1 were against her relationship with petitioner no. 2, therefore, they are extending threats to them, as both the petitioners are residing together.
			(4) On the last date, both the petitioners appeared before us. We had interacted with them. As per school leaving certificate, the date of birth of petitioner no. 1 is 02.04.2004, while her date of birth recorded in AADHAAR Card is in variance with the date of birth recorded in school leaving certificate. We, therefore, asked State Counsel to get instructions regarding her date of birth.
			(5) Today, on instructions, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Joshi, learned State Counsel submits that date of birth recorded in school leaving certificate is the correct date of birth of petitioner no. 1.
			(6) Since both the petitioners are major and they are living together with their

own free will due to love and affection, hence in view of the law laid down by Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of *Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. and Another;* 2006 (5) SCC 475, we are inclined to grant protection to the petitioners.

- Accordingly, (7) the present writ petition is disposed of with direction to the Station House Officer, P.S. Pulbhatta, District Udham Singh Nagar to provide protection to the petitioners for a period of six weeks and ensure that no harm is caused to them during this period. Upon expiry of six weeks, concerned SHO shall make assessment of threat perception to the petitioners, and provide protection to them, if needed, for such further period, felt as is necessary. Station House Officer shall also counsel private respondents & other family members not to take the law into their hands or issue any threat or coercion to the petitioners.
- (8) Let a certified copy of this order be supplied to learned counsel for the petitioners, today itself, as per rules.

(Vivek Bharti Sharma, J.) (Manoj Kumar Tiwari, ACJ) 29.12.2023

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