

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

**Criminal Misc. No.M- 35349 of 2017(O&M)**

**Date of Decision: May 28 , 2018.**

Antarpreet Kaur

..... PETITIONER (s)

**Versus**

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL**

Present: Mr. G.S.Verma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabharwal, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Rita Kohli, Senior Advocate/Mediator.

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**LISA GILL, J.**

This petition has been filed for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.5 to 8 as well as for adding the offences punishable under Sections 376/406/498A IPC in FIR No.155 dated 08.07.2017, which was registered under Sections 494/420 IPC at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana.

It is averred in the petition that the petitioner, who is major, apprehends danger to her life and liberty at the hands of respondent No.5 i.e., her husband. It is however noted that during the pendency of this petition, the petitioner had appeared before this Court on 20.03.2018. She specifically stated that she did not wish to go back to her matrimonial home as she was subjected to

ill-treatment at the hands of respondent No.5, her husband. A Mediator was appointed by this Court. Respondent No.5, who was present in Court on 20.03.2018, specifically stated that he had no objection in case the petitioner accompanied her parents. The petitioner and respondent No.5 were referred for mediation for an amicable resolution of the issue.

When the matter was taken up on 19.04.2018, the petitioner expressed her desire for resuming cohabitation with her husband -respondent No.5, who undertook to afford all care, affection and amenities the petitioner in the matrimonial home. Parents of the petitioner, who were present in Court did not express any objection to the same. The matter was adjourned for today. In the meanwhile, the petitioner and respondent No.5 were directed to appear before the Mediator on every Wednesday.

Today the petitioner and her husband - respondent No.5 are present in Court. The petitioner submits that it will not be possible for them to live together now. Both of them agree that petition under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 shall be filed by them within ten days from today. The amount of alimony etc., it is submitted, shall be agreed upon mutually. Steps shall also be taken to withdraw any/all litigation which may have been initiated by the petitioner and respondent No.5 or by any of their family members against each other.

Respondent No.5 undertakes to hand over to the petitioner all her articles/documents regarding educational qualifications etc. within the next ten days itself. He submits that there is no question of any threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner at his hands. None of his family members will also try to intervene in the matter. Parents of the petitioner, present in Court also state that

they never have and never will pressurize the petitioner in any manner and she is free to take her own decisions. It is stated that they shall respect her decision and stand by her.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above, no further orders are called for in this petition.

Petition is accordingly disposed of.

Needless to say, in case the petitioner approaches respondent No.2 raising any fresh allegations of threat to her life and liberty, the same shall be looked into and steps as may be/if any required be taken by respondent No.2, in accordance with law.

May 28 , 2018.  
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**( LISA GILL )**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable:        | Yes/No |