

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

**CWP-19345-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:19.08.2019**

Indu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Petitioner in person.

Ms. Ambika Sood, DAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Instant petition was filed seeking a mandamus for directing the official respondents to take necessary steps for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner by voicing an apprehension and threat to the same at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 8 and which included the petitioner's own mother as also brother.

A response by way of affidavit of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (West), Ludiana on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 has been filed in Court today and the same is taken on record.

Petitioner as of today is lodged in Children Home, Gandhi Vanita Ashram, Kapurthala Chowk, Jalandhar.

As per contents of the affidavit taken on record today, a representation dated 13.07.2019 (Annexure P-2) has been made by the petitioner levelling allegations against her mother, grandfather, uncle and brothers that she is being harassed and is being forced to marry a person of an advanced age.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Suresh Kumar, Police Station Haibowal, Ludhiana apprises the Court that statements of the private respondents have been recorded and as per which the petitioner would not be forcibly married against her wishes.

Petitioner has been produced in Court today. Upon interaction, petitioner states that now she does not fear any threat and has made a categorical statement that she wishes to return back to her parental home.

In view of the above, no further directions are required to be passed in the instant writ petition and the same is disposed of.

Petitioner, who is currently lodged in Children Home, Gandhi Vanita Ashram, Kapurthala Chowk, Jalandhar be released and she would be free to return back with her parents.

A copy of this order be furnished to learned State counsel under the signatures of the Bench Secretary.

19.08.2019*harjeet***(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |