

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-31357-2019

Date of Decision:-29.10.2019.

Abila Manorama Minz

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur (Simmi), Advocate for the petitioner.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to terminate her pregnancy on the ground that it causes grave injury to her mental health.

Perusal of the record however reflects that it is not the case of the petitioner that there are any debilitating health issues either with herself or with the foetus. Further, the medical record placed before the Court reflects that the gestation period has already crossed 24 weeks. In such circumstances, this Court cannot support the plea of the petitioner to terminate her pregnancy. The reports submitted by the PGIMER, Chandigarh, in similar matters puts it beyond doubt that the foetus would be fully formed by this stage and it would neither be in the interest of the petitioner nor of the child to undertake termination of the pregnancy.

In any event, this Court cannot advocate termination of pregnancy when the same is sought only on the ground that the petitioner is

not in a position to raise the child and all the more so, when there are no other mitigating circumstances, such as health issues etc.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed in limine.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

October 29, 2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.