

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

**CRWP NO.4815 OF 2020
DATE OF DECISION : 15.07.2020**

Nishu Rani (minor)

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. J. S. Dhaliwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, DAG, Haryana.

(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking directions to the official respondents to protect her life and liberty, as she apprehends threat of being eliminated at the hands of private respondents all of whom forcibly solemnized her marriage with respondent No.5-Sombir.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is a minor girl of 17 years of age. Respondent No.4-Angoori (paternal aunt of the petitioner) enticed the petitioner and took her from her house and forcefully performed the marriage of petitioner with respondent No.5. The petitioner was not allowed to make a call to her family members. The private respondents also gave life threats to the petitioner. Respondent No.5, with whom petitioner was forcibly married, raped the petitioner and used to beat her in routine. On 24.06.2020, the petitioner managed to escape from the custody of private respondents and reached her guardian home and informed the entire incident to them.

3. In these circumstances, the petitioner submitted representation dated 25.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) to respondent No.2, but the same has not been adverted till date. Hence, this petition.

4. Heard.

5. Without commenting on the merits of the petition and the averments contained therein, the writ petition is disposed of with an observation that respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Fatehabad, to whom representation Annexure P-1 was submitted, shall go through the contents of the representation along with the contents of writ petition, by treating the same as supplementary representation and ascertain/verify the threat perception of the petitioner. If deemed appropriate, necessary steps then would be taken to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner, who is a minor destitute orphan girl aged 17 years and is stated to have been forcibly married against her wishes with respondent No.5, at the instance of her paternal aunt (Bua).

6. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition stands disposed of.

JULY 15, 2020
Shalini

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No