IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No. 4952 of 2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.08.2020

Mandeep Kaur

Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. B.K.S.Chhabra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl.AG., Punjab
for respondents no.1 to 3.

Mr. Nikunj Dhawan, Advocate
for respondents no.4 and 5.

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LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioner seeks protection of her life and liberty at the hands of her parents, arrayed as respondents no.4 and 5, in this petition.

It is stated that the petitioner, is a student of +2 and due to the lockdown, she was pursuing her studies online. It is further stated that she was subjected to physical, mental and verbal abuse by respondents no.4 and 5. They wanted the petitioner to marry an old aged person and did not relish the idea of the petitioner pursuing her studies. The petitioner, thus left her parents home and took refuge at one of her friend's residence. Representation to the police

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authorities was also moved, but to no avail. Hence the present petition was filed.

Notice of motion was issued in this case on 17.07.2020. Mr. Nikunj Dhawan, Advocate, appears on behalf of respondents no.4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioner informs that FIR No. 43 dated 03.07.2020, under Sections 363, 366-A IPC, was registered at the instance of the petitioner's father, raising suspicion against one Maninder Kumar @ Heer, having abducted the petitioner. The petitioner, it is submitted , was not aware of registration of such an FIR, neither was she ever in touch with the said Maninder Kumar @ Heer. She had taken refuge at the residence of her friend-Narinder Kaur. Statements of the petitioner and her parents in the abovesaid matter, are informed to have been recorded, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Phagwara, on 25.08.2020, to the effect that the said FIR stands registered at the instance of respondent no.4 due to suspicion and certain misunderstandings. Parents of the petitioner i.e., respondents no.4 and 5, have categorically stated that they will not threaten or harass the petitioner in any manner and she would be permitted to pursue her studies as per her wishes. It is further submitted that the petitioner is now residing with respondents no.4 and 5 since yesterday i.e., 25.08.2020.

Learned counsel for respondents no.4 and 5, reiterates that the petitioner shall be afforded all love and affection and there shall be no impediment in the petitioner pursuing her higher studies, in case, she so desires.

In this view of the matter, learned counsel for the petitioner, seeks to withdraw this petition with liberty to the petitioner to approach the authorities, in case, respondents no.4 and 5, again do not permit her to continue with her studies or subject her to any harassment.

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Petition is accordingly dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as aforementioned. Needless to say, in case, any such representation/complaint, is received by the authorities, the same shall be looked into and necessary action, as may be required, be taken.

[LISA GILL]
Judge

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

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