

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

CRWP-8232-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.10.2020

Sakshi through her next friend namely Karanpreet ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Bhupinder Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab alongwith
ASI Ajay Pal Singh.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

She claims to be 16 years and 5 months old and respondent No.4 and 5 are pressurizing her to enter into a marital bond with someone. The present petition has been filed through her next friend Karanpreet aged about 18 years.

Keeping in view the pleadings, respondent No.4 and 5, the parents of the petitioner were summoned. They have attended the hearing of the Court through Video Conferencing. They are identified by Assistant Sub Inspector Ajay Pal Singh, Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar.

This Court has interacted with respondent No.4 and 5 for sometime who have stated that the petitioner is not within their control and now they are prepared to keep her in their home.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that keeping in view the aforesaid facts, let the petitioner be lodged in Government run Nari Niketan located in Jalandhar.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab appearing for the State of Punjab, has also stated that keeping in view the facts of the case and the stand of respondent No.4 and 5, this is the best option.

After having heard learned counsel for the parties, this Court is also of the considered view that the minor petitioner is required to be provided with a safe place to reside.

Hence, the present petition is disposed of by directing the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, respondent No.2 to make an arrangement for getting her admitted in the Government run Nari Niketan.

Mr. Karanpreet, through whom the present petition has been filed, is directed to take Sakshi, the petitioner to the office of Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, tomorrow at 10:00 am who would thereafter make necessary arrangements referred to above.

Disposed of.

14.10.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No