

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

CRWP No.163 of 2021

Date of Decision: 08.01.2021

SHIVANI

.....Petitioner

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. Bhupinder Ghai, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.6 to 11.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner who is a highly educated lady and wants to pursue her professional career is being subjected to continuous physical and mental harassment by the private respondents No.6 to 11 who have been compelling her to get married against her wishes. It has been contended that due to the continuous harassment meted out, the petitioner was left with no other choice but to walk out of her home on 05.01.2021. It has been further contended that soon thereafter she moved representation dated 05.01.2021 (Annexure P-1) to respondents No. 2 and 3 to provide her protection in the light of the continuous threats being extended to her by her family members i.e. private respondents No.6 to 11. Hence, she is seeking protection and has approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioners, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali, Punjab to look into the representation dated 05.01.2021 (Annexure P-1) at the earliest without any delay and take necessary steps as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioner is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

January 8, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : *Yes / No*

Whether Reportable : *Yes / No*