

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

CWP-477-2021
Date of Decision:-12.01.2021.

Anju Bala

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab, for
respondent No.1.

Mr. Amit Jhanji, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks to terminate her pregnancy on medical grounds.

Pursuant to the orders passed by this Court, a 11-member Medical Board, constituted by the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, the second respondent, examined the petitioner and evaluated her case. The report submitted by the Medical Board indicates that it recommended that the petitioner should undergo medical termination of pregnancy at this stage due to severe congenital

malformation of the fetal brain and spinal cord. The Board further stated that the Doctors would adopt the procedure of Potassium Chloride injection in the fetal heart, under ultrasound guidance, so as to prevent the fetus being born alive.

In the light of the aforestated recommendation, the writ petition is allowed permitting the petitioner to undergo medical termination of her pregnancy at the second respondent-Institute. Needless to state, the second respondent shall take effective measures for termination of the petitioner's pregnancy at the earliest, considering the advanced stage of her pregnancy.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

January 12, 2021.
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.