

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

CRWP-1862-2021

Date of Decision: 24.02.2021

Soniya (minor) through Vikas

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Karandeep Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner, namely, Soniya aged about 17 years, seeks issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect her life and personal liberty, as she apprehends threat to the same at the hands of her parents and brothers i.e. respondents No.4 to 7.

It is the case of the petitioner that since her parents wanted to forcibly marry her to a boy much older than her, which she objected to, she was constrained to leave her home as her parents were mounting pressure upon her. It has been submitted that ever since she left her house on 21.02.2021, she started residing at one of her friend's house in the village.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and while refraining from making any expression as regards the averments made in the petition, the same is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Superintendent of Police, Panipat to look into the matter and to

dispose of the representation dated 21.02.2021 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner, then necessary steps warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioner.

Since the petitioner is of tender age, she shall appear before the Secretary, DLSA, Panipat, who shall counsel the petitioner himself/herself or get the petitioner counseled from some expert. The Superintendent of Police concerned shall also ensure that the petitioner appears before the Secretary, DLSA, Panipat.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 21.02.2021 be sent to Superintendent of Police, Panipat (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

24.02.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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