

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

CRWP No.3553 of 2021 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 12.04.2021

Virpal Kaur

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioners

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ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral):

Heard through video conferencing.

The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that in the memo of parties the petitioner has inadvertently been shown as wife of Guramanpreet Singh, however, she is not married and in fact in the affidavit she has been shown correctly as being daughter of Binder Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is 19 years of age and wishes to pursue her studies and her parents want to forcibly marry her to a boy against her wishes. It is further contended that the petitioner has since left the house of her

parents. However, she is apprehending danger to her life and liberty. In this regard a representation dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P-2) has been sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala. However, no action has been taken qua the same.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Samina Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab has joined the session through video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3. Since the matter is not being decided on merits, the service on the other respondents is dispensed with.

Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion with regard to the veracity of the contents of the petition and the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala (respondent No.2) to consider the representation dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P-2) and take necessary action as per law.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall not, in any manner, be construed as an expression of opinion on the veracity of the statement made by the petitioner and shall have no effect on any other civil or criminal proceedings, if any, instituted/pending against her.

April 12, 2021
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(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

NOTE:

Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO