

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

Sr.No.113

CRWP No.7726 of 2021

Date of Decision: 17.08.2021

Shivani Garg

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Angad Chahal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of this petition, the petitioner seeks the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to protect her life and liberty as she apprehends threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.3 and 4, i.e. her father and brother respectively, while averring that these respondents want to get her married against her wishes whereas she wants to pursue her studies and due to this reason, she was constrained to leave her home. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-2) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 in this case, in pursuance of the copies of this petition having been sent

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to the respondent-State in advance.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to take appropriate action on the said representation of the petitioner, i.e. Annexure P-2.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter in hand, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar Mohali, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner and if it is found that the petitioner genuinely deserves any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

However, it is further clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioner against any proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against her by the competent authority/person on account of the afore-said facts and circumstances of the present matter and permissible under any relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No