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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-9508-2021

Date of decision: 13.12.2021

VASHNAVI

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate
for the respondent No.4.

(Through Video Conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of a direction to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of the respondent No.4, who is father of the petitioner.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is aged about 16 years, on 25.10.2021, the following order was passed:-

“The petitioner Vashnavi aged 16 years (D.O.B. 18.01.2005) has filed this petition through Nawal w/o Manohar Lal praying for protection of her life and liberty at the instance of her father-respondent No.4 namely Bharat Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and Nawal both are present in his office and as per the instructions, the petitioner is not inclined to return back to her father.

Learned counsel for respondent No.4 submits that an FIR No.0124 dated 25.09.2021 under Sections 363, 366-A of the IPC at Police Station Nahianwala, District Bathinda has been registered against Neeraj

Kumar s/o Manohar Lal and Nawal and the police has not taken any action.

On a Court query, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not ready to go back to her paternal home fearing threat at the hands of his father.

The SHO, Police Station Nahianwala, District Bathinda is directed to produce the petitioner before the CJM/Illaq Magistrate, Bathinda immediately and the Illaq Magistrate will get the medico-legal examination of the girl conducted and after recording her statement, will send her to Gandhi Vanita Ashram, Jalandhar for a period of one month so as to enable her to make up her mind whether she wants to stay with her father or not.

List again on 13.12.2021.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that thereafter, the petitioner has gone back to her parental home and is residing in the care and custody of her parents, therefore, the present petition be rendered infructuous.

Ordered accordingly.

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

13.12.2021
Chetan Thakur

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No