

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

CRWP-10610-2021

Date of Decision: 25.11.2021

Nandini

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court.]

SANT PARKASH, J.

The present petition is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the accused persons committed rape upon the petitioner continuously for five months against her wishes and will. He further submits that now the accused persons in connivance with the police officials are trying to harass and humiliate the petitioner as well as her family members to withdraw her complaint. He also submits that when the grievance of the petitioner was not being redressed, she finally approached the respondent authorities, by way of representation dated 01.09.2021 (P-1) but the same is also pending decision.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Gurmander Singh, submits that on the complaint of the petitioner, an FIR

No.220 dated 24.11.2020 under Sections 376-D/506 IPC, at Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala, has already been registered and the present petition has become infructuous.

Faced with the above-said situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner apprehends more danger to her life and liberty after registration of FIR. He prays that petitioner will be satisfied in case respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide the representation of the petitioner, within a reasonable time.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala is directed to look into the matter, consider the grievance of the petitioner raised vide her representation dated 01.09.2021 (P-1) with regard to apprehension of danger to life and liberty and decide the same at an early date, by passing an appropriate order thereon, in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above said representation to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala for requisite compliance within the time period granted by this Court.

25.11.2021
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(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO
Whether Reportable: YES / NO