

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-344-2022

Date of Decision :14.01.2022

Tehal Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Prince Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed seeking direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners as the same according to them, is at threat at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 is 24 years old whereas, petitioner No.2 is still a minor and as she apprehends threat to her life and liberty, she cannot return to her family home, where, respondents No.4 to 7 are residing. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that petitioners have already approached the Station House Officer, Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran in this regard and in fact, present in the police station at the moment.

The efforts of the learned State counsel are appreciated as this

Court has been able to interact with respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran, who has stated that both the petitioners are present in the police station.

Keeping in view the facts stated hereinbefore, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran to take appropriate action so as to protect life and liberty of the petitioners in case, respondent No.3 finds that same is at threat at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

Further, as petitioner No.2 is a minor, respondent No.3 is directed that in case, petitioner No.2 does not intend to go with her parents, in order to protect her life and liberty, she be admitted either in Nari Niketan or in Children's Home, wherever, the petitioner No.2 chooses to reside, till she attains marriageable age and thereafter she will be free to choose her partner for getting married.

It is made clear that in case prior to the date petitioner No.2 attains the age of majority/marriageable age, she intends to go back with her family, the said prayer be evaluated by the competent officer of Institution, where petitioner No.2 will be admitted in pursuance to the present order of this Court, and after ensuring safety of petitioner No.2, an appropriate decision be taken qua the said request of petitioner No.2, if any, made by her.

Present petition stands disposed of in above terms.

January 14, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No