

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.1739 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision.25.02.2022
(Heard through VC)

Kulwant Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Neeraj Januha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rehat Bir Singh Maan, DAG, Punjab.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

It is contended that marriage of the petitioner was solemnized on 30.01.2022 by her parents against her wishes and therefore, she left her matrimonial home. It is further contended that now she is residing at her friend's house namely Amarjit and she has apprehension of her life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. In this regard, she has given a representation dated 22.02.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2, however, no action has been taken till date.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Rehat Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab who is present in Court through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioner is directed to supply a complete

copy of paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of day, if not supplied already.

Without commenting on merits of the case, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioner (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant her protection, if any threat to her life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioner from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by her.

February 25, 2022
Pankaj*

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No