

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-3126-2022

Date of Decision: 2nd May, 2022

Shanti Devi and others

Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Vakeel Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. F.S. Virk, Advocate for respondents No. 5 and 6.

Mr. Rajiv Vij, Addl. PP, UT, Chandigarh.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

This petition was filed by Shanti Devi wife of Amrik Singh, Satgur Singh s/o Amrik Singh, Paramjeet Kaur-minor through her next friend Satgur Singh. The directions were sought to the official respondents to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from private respondents (arrayed in the petition).

As per the pleadings, the parents of the petitioner No.3 were intending to marry her against her wishes and she left her home called petitioners No.1 and 2 requesting for help. Thereafter, she started living with family of petitioner No.1.

Notice of motion was issued on 6.4.2022. The petitioner No. 3 was directed to remain present in Court so as to ascertain her willingness.

On 27.4.2022, petitioners No. 2 and 3 were present in Court.

The parents of the girl got registered FIR No. 14 dated

17.3.2022 under Sections 363, 366-A IPC at P.S. Ghagga, District Patiala.

Considering that the welfare of the minor is involved, it was directed to the learned counsel for UT Chandigarh to keep the minor in Ashiana Centre, Chandigarh and directed the petitioner No.3 and parents to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. Petitioner No.3 has been brought in Court by ASI Baljinder Singh, Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) Sector 1 with Lady Constable Upasna from Ashiana Centre, Chandigarh.

As per the Mediator's report, parties have settled the dispute. The petitioner No.3 has decided to join back the company of her parents. The State Counsel for Punjab on instructions from ASI Khem Chand has informed the Court that petitioner No.2 was arrested in FIR No. 14.

In view of the report of the Mediator, the present petition is disposed of. The parents of the petitioner No.3 can take the custody of the petitioner No.3 from Ashiana Centre, Chandigarh after fulfilling the requisite formalities.

Needless to say that the petitioners No.1 and 2 would be at liberty to avail remedies in accordance with law for redressal of grievances, if any.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

2nd May, 2022
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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No