

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

CRWP-10432-2022

Date of Decision: November 04, 2022

Rajni Bala

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Petitioner in-person.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

Members of the Bar are abstaining from work today.

Prayer in the instant petition, filed by the petitioner, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No. 2 and 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to her minor cousin namely Harpreet Kaur, at the hands of respondent No. 4- Rajbir Singh, who is step father of her cousin.

Although, minor Harpreet Kaur herself was required to be petitioner through her next friend, yet looking at the prayer made in the petition on behalf of minor Harpreet Kaur, in the interest of justice, this Court is inclined to examine the pleadings.

Petitioner- Rajni Bala and her minor cousin Harpreet Kaur who is stated to be aged about 17 ½ years, are present in-person in Court today, though there is no one to identify them.

Petitioner while seeking protection for her cousin sister- Harpreet Kaur, states before this Court that respondent No. 4-Rajbir Singh,

who is step father of Harpreet Kaur, wants to get her minor cousin- Harpreet Kaur married against her wishes.

Hence, petitioner is seeking protection in that regard and has approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. She has also submitted a representation dated 17.10.2022, sent through a registered post dated 18.10.2022 (Annexure P-2) to respondent No. 3 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar (Rural), wherein, she has expressed her apprehension.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 3 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar (Rural), to look into the truthfulness of representation dated 17.10.2022, sent through a registered post dated 18.10.2022 (Annexure P-2) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of cousin sister of the petitioner is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondent and to take appropriate action fully in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

November 04, 2022

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**

Whether Reportable: **~~YES~~/NO**