

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

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**CRWP-12298-2022
Date of decision: 28.12.2022**

Kanchan

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Balwinder Sangwan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the official respondents to protect her life and liberty as she apprehends threats at the hands of the private respondents who are her immediate family members.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner was forcibly married with respondent No.5 on 14.12.2022 and since she was unhappy with her marriage with respondent No.5, she managed to escape from her matrimonial home and ever since then she is living in hiding as she is being continuously threatened by the private respondents. He further submits that though the representation (Annexure P-2) dated 20.12.2022 was sent to respondents No.2 to 4, however, they had failed to initiate any action against the private respondents and come to her rescue.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A G,

Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Learned State counsel, on instructions submits that in her representation (Annexure P-2) the petitioner has not even revealed the address where she is presently living, hence the police has not been able to contact the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner in the above circumstances submits that the petitioner would visit the police station concerned, at the earliest. He prays that as and when the petitioner visits the police station concerned, her grievance be looked into and necessary steps be initiated against the private respondents from whom she apprehends danger to her life.

Heard.

This petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2 that as and when the petitioner visits the police station concerned, the alleged threat perception qua which she has sent the representation (Annexure P-2) be looked into and if required, necessary steps in accordance with law, be taken to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioner is not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents.

28.12.2022

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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