

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2141-2023
Date of Decision: July 04, 2023

Nandani ...Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Manoj R. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Chaudhary, AAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner, who is a minor had filed the present petition before this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing the official respondents No. 1 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents.
2. Pursuant to the notice, a short reply by way of an affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (HQ), District S.A.S. Nagar, has been filed on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 4 and the same is taken on record. The learned State counsel submits that *prima-facie*, offences under Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 were made out against respondents No.5 to 9 and one FIR No. 24 dated 21.03.2023⁶ under Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 was registered at Police Station Dhakoli against respondents No. 5 to 9. Since the

Police Station Dhakoli had no jurisdiction to conduct the investigation, the same has been sent for investigation to the Office of the Superintendent of Police, District Bhiwani (Haryana). Even, one more FIR No. 25 dated 22.03.2023 under Section 354 of IPC and Section 12 of the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act was also registered at Police Station Dhakoli, District S.A.S. Nagar, against Manoj Sharma. Still further, one more FIR No. 26 dated 20.03.2023 under Section 376 IPC and under Section 4 of the the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act was registered at Police Station Dhakoli, District S.A.S. Nagar against Prince Goyal as well. The learned State counsel has assured the Court that the complaint dated 16.02.2023 (Annexure P-1) has been examined in detail by the Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar and both the aforesaid FIR's, i.e. FIR No. 25 and FIR No. 26 shall be investigated fairly and in accordance with law. He has further informed the Court that the petitioner has been lodged at Children Home, Jalandhar and there is no further threat to her life and liberty.

3. In view of the statement made by the learned State counsel, no further orders are required and the petition stands disposed off accordingly.

July 04, 2023
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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