

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

CRWP-3889-2023

Date of Decision:24.04.2023

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...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Arun K. Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

The petitioner has moved the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to direct the respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioner as she apprehends imminent threats at the hands of respondents No.4 to7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the marriage of the petitioner was solemnized with respondent No.4 in the year 2018 and one daughter, namely, Anvi, at present aged about 3 years was born out of the said wedlock. The husband of the petitioner was drunkard and used to harass and humiliate the petitioner and demanded dowry from her and her parents. On 28.03.2023, the petitioner was beaten up by respondent No.4 and she alongwith her minor daughter were thrown out from the matrimonial home. After the said incident, the petitioner was residing with her parents, but now on 10.04.2023, the respondents No.6 and 7 forced the petitioner to go back to her matrimonial home. However, she had taken shelter at the house of one Shiv Kumar S/o Roop Ram, who is also married and is a government employee in Railway

Department. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that even now respondents No.4 to 7 are constantly threatening the present petitioner and she has submitted a representation dated 17.04.2023, Annexure P-3 to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala- respondent No.2 for protection of life and liberty. However, no action has been taken by respondent No.2 on the said representation.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3, at this stage.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Amish Sharma, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed with a direction to respondent No. 2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to look into the matter and take appropriate action as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.

The parties mentioned in the petition or any other person mentioned in the petition shall be at liberty to take recourse to appropriate law, if any.

Disposed of.

24.04.2023
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JUDGE

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