

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

CRWP No.10833 of 2023

Date of Decision:06.11.2023

Jobanpreet Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Sukhveer Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the official respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 10.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that parents of petitioner herein are residing abroad and respondents No.9, who is uncle of the petitioner, has fixed the marriage of the petitioner with respondent No.10 against her wishes. Respondent No.10 is a drug addict and unemployed. The petitioner tried to convince respondent Nos.4 to 9 to not to marry her with respondent No.10 but they are adamant and are harassing the petitioner to perform marriage with respondent No.10. The petitioner has left her house on 21.10.2023 and is now residing at Zirakpur. She has apprehension of her life and liberty at the hands of private respondent No.4 to 10 and in this regard, submitted a representation dated 26.10.2023 (Annexure P-1) to respondent No.2 but till date, no action has been taken thereon.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Navreet Singh Barnala, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the official respondents and submits that the jurisdictional police authorities are duty bound to protect the life and liberty of the citizen. She further submits that jurisdictional police authorities will look into the matter and take appropriate steps.

5. Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the jurisdictional police authorities/official respondents to look into the representation dated 26.10.2023 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner and take appropriate steps thereon in accordance with law within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

November 06, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No