

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

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**CRWP-11929-2022 (O&M)
Decided on : 27.01.2023**

Shafeean Khatoon

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Ankush Bharti, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Order dated 19.12.2022 passed by this Court says as under:

“Prayer in the instant petition filed 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 the petitioner, at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner- Shafeena Khatoon, aged about 27 years, has approached this Court by raising voice against her father, brother and other relatives for seeking protection to her life and liberty because said family members (respondents No. 4 to 7) are pressurizing her to marry with more than 50 years aged person.

Notice of motion for 11.01.2023.

Dasti as well as through registered post.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 (State).

Status report/reply, if any, be filed on or before the next date of hearing.”

Learned State counsel produces status report annexed with Anneuxres

R-1/T and R-1-Vernacular copy of the statement, by way of an affidavit of Murad Jasvir Singh Gill, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Industrial Area-A, Ludhiana, on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 and same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

As per said status report, statement of petitioner's father namely, Ajaa Ahamad Ansari has also been recorded by the police and same is reproduced here below:

“Statement of Ajaa Ahamad Ansari S/o Abul Kasim Ansari, R/o Street No.2, Near Kohinoor School, Jagdish Colony, Dhandari Khurd, Ludhiana, aged about 55 years. Mobile No.85680-11026 Stated that I am a resident of the above noted address and does my work in the house. I have four children i.e. three daughters and one son; one daughter Shafeena Khatoon aged 28 years who is still unmarried and is major and she is residing somewhere with her own wish. I never pressurized my daughter to perform marriage. No interference in the personal life of my daughter will be done by me or any member of my family nor there is any danger to her from me or any member of my family. My daughter Shafeena Khatoon knows her good and bad as well. Statement has been recorded before you, heard which is correct.”

As per said statement, father of the petitioner assured that he will not cause any interference in the personal life of his daughter, namely, Shafeena Khatoon.

Learned State counsel also refers to para 4 of the status report and same is reproduced here below:

“4. That thereafter the said ASI contacted the private respondents who stated that the present petitioner, who is aged about 28 years, is residing somewhere else with her own wish and the private respondents never pressurized the petitioner to HIVO perform her marriage with any person and she can perform her marriage with any person of her choice and

there is absolutely no danger to the petitioner from the private respondents. In this regard statements of the private respondents were also recorded by the said ASI and copy of such statement of the petitioner's father namely Ajaa Ahamad Ansari (respondent no.4) is annexed hereto as Annexure R-1/T and its Vernacular copy is Annexure R-1."

Faced with the situation and also the stand taken by the official-respondents in their status report, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks withdrawal of the present petition, at this stage.

Dismissed as withdrawn, at this stage.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

27.01.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No