

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

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2024:PHHC:003983

CRWP-306-2024

Date of decision: January 12th, 2024

Kajal

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Devinder Singh Nigha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

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 protect the life and liberty of the petitioner, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 and 5, who are stated to be family members of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner, who is 20 year old girl, is being pressurized by her parents i.e. private respondents into solemnizing marriage against her wishes with a person, who is much older than her. Learned counsel submits that despite a representation having been given to the official respondents to come to her rescue, no steps have been taken by the official respondents and hence, she was now forced to move in with her friends. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar, to look into her representation (Annexure P-3) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.
4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Luthra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar, to look into the representation dated 27.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) qua the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioner is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

January 12th, 2024
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No