

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-360-2024
DECIDED ON: 23.01.2024

SONIA BIBI AND ANR.
.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS
.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Amit Puri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus seeking direction to official respondents No.2 & 3 not to harass the petitioners illegally at the behest of respondents No.4 & 5 and also to direct respondents No.2 & 3 to restrain respondents No.4 and 5 from causing any kind of physical harm to the petitioners.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. H.S. Sitta, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and informs the Court on instructions from ASI Kewal Singh, that the petitioner No.1 Sonia Bibi, daughter of Farid Mohammad has got recorded a statement on yesterday i.e. 22.01.2024 after mediation conducted by this Court in Chamber in the presence of father of the petitioner No.1 and the Investigating Officer ASI Kewal Singh to the effect that she agreed out of her own free will and without any coercion or pressure to accompany her parents. At the same time, respondent No.4-Farid Mohammad has also got recorded a statement to

the police after the mediation so referred hereinabove that he will not forcefully marry petitioner No.1 with any boy except in consultation with his daughter (petitioner No.1).

Mr. Naman Sharma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents No.4 & 5.

Today, petitioners No.1 & 2 and respondents No.4 & 5 are present in Court in person.

Petitioner No.1 has stated today in Court that she with her own free will without any coercion or pressure is joining the company of her parents and will go with them as there is no threat whatsoever to her life and liberty in any manner.

In the light of above, the present petition stands disposed of.

23.01.2024

Poonam Negi

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No