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

CRWP-446-2024

Date of decision: 18.01.2024

Navneet Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Mitul Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents No.2 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the private respondents who are family members of the petitioner are marrying the petitioner with a person she does not like, against her wishes. The marriage of the petitioner is fixed for 24.01.2024 and when the request of the petitioner for cancelling the marriage was not accepted by her family members, she managed to stand up for herself and left her house on 09.01.2024. He further submits that the petitioner is living under constant fear as her family members are very conservative and orthodox and she has already made a representation dated 12.01.2024 (Annexure P-3) for seeking protection of her life and liberty.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the

petitioner would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to

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consider and decide the representation dated 12.01.2024 (Annexure P-3) submitted by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab, puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State and copy of the petition has been supplied in the Court.

Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 12.01.2024 (Annexure P-3) submitted by the petitioner and take appropriate steps including grant of any protection to the petitioner in view of the apprehension, if any, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

18.01.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No