

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.1405 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.03.2024

Akanksha alias Anshu and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Vipul Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for respondents No.4 to 7.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners by providing adequate police protection to them and further praying that respondent No.3 be directed not to illegally interfere into the life of the petitioners and not to harass and threaten them at the behest of respondents No.4 to 7.

This Court after considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, issued notice of motion vide order dated 15.02.2024 and accordingly, Commissioner of Police, Amritsar was directed to produce petitioner No.1-Akansha @ Anshu (minor) aged 16½ years along with respondents No.4 to 7 in Court on the next date of hearing. Subsequent thereto on 19.02.2024, the Bar Association of Punjab and Haryana High Court was abstaining from work and accordingly, the hearing of the case was deferred to 27.02.2024.

Surinder Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Amritsar but the report did not inspire the confidence of this Court and accordingly, further asked the State to take steps to trace the minor girl who otherwise failed in its efforts despite pointing out by respondents No.4 to 7 that petitioner No.2- Gourav Singh was using his Instagram account and was seen active thereupon on social site but the police shown ignorance to all these facts.

Today, learned counsel for the petitioners informs the Court that petitioner No.2 namely, Gourav Singh already stands arrested by the police in FIR No.18 dated 11.02.2024 under Sections 363 and 366 of IPC and subsequently, Section 6 of the POCSO Act added after recording the statement of petitioner No.1 under Section 164 Cr.P.C. on 29.02.2024.

In the light of the aforesaid developments having taken place during the pendency of the writ petition, Mr. Vipul Aggarwal, learned counsel for the petitioner prays to withdraw the instant petition, at this stage.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

22.03.2024
D.Bansal

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No