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

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Date of Decision : May 17, 2024

ARSHDEEP KAUR (MINOR) THROUGH MANJOT SINGH**-PETITIONER****V/S****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****-RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present: Mr. Ajay Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Hitesh Verma, Advocate
for the respondents No.4 and 5.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of filing this petition, the petitioner, who is a minor, aged about 17 years, seeks necessary protection of her and her friend's (Manjot Singh) lives and personal liberties, in view of the fact that they are in 'live-in relationship', and, are under eminent threats at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5.

2. In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents No. 4 and 5, petitioner has allegedly moved a representation (Annexure P-3) to Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala (respondent No.2), wherein, all the apprehension to her and her friend's lives has been expressed.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the issue of providing protection in case of minor petitioner(s), by way of issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, has already been dealt with in detail by a Co-

ordinate Bench of this Court in the case of **P..... Minor Through Vikram v.**



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State of Haryana and another (CRWP-2139-2022 (O&M), decided on 28.03.2022) and other connected matters, i.e. CRWP-2140- 2022 (O&M) and CRWP-2250-2022 (O&M). He further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if the present petition is disposed of in terms of the aforementioned judgment, dated 28.03.2022.

4. The Co-ordinate Bench in the case of ***P..... Minor Through Vikram (supra)***, after noticing various provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956, the Indian Majority Act, 1875, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, as also the case law, while partly allowing the said petitions, issued certain directions, which reads as under:-

“26. In view of the above, the petitions are partly allowed with directions as under:-

1. The minor in all these cases happen to fall within the definition of child in need of care and protection as provided under section 2(14)(vii)(xii) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The Senior Superintendent of Police/Superintendent of Police of the respective districts shall depute a Child Welfare Police Officer to produce the minor/child before the Committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015.

II. The respective Committee shall conduct enquiry contemplated under Section 36 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and pass an appropriate order under section 37 of the said Act, by associating all the stakeholder, and to ensure that the objects of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 are well served.

III. The Child Welfare Committee shall take appropriate decisions with respect to the boarding and lodging of the minor and also to conduct enquiry on all issues relating to and affecting safety and well-being of the child/minor.

IV. During the pendency of such adjudication and passing of



orders as contemplated under Section 37 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, the committee shall also take appropriate interim/decisions as regards placement of a child/custody of the child in need of care and protection.

V. The concerned SSPs/SPs shall also take appropriate steps as warranted by law against the threat perception to the minor as well as to their next friend, through whom the minors have approved this Court and to ensure that the respective petitioners are protected from any physical harm at the instance of the respondents in respective cases.

VI. The petitioners are directed to appear in the office of SSP/SP of the respective Districts within a period of 03 days from today, failing which the concerned SSP/SP shall depute a Child Welfare Police Officer to produce the minor before the Child Welfare Committee within a period of 01 week thereafter.

VII. The Child Welfare Committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, shall send a compliance report to this Court.

Petitions are party allowed in terms as aforesaid. Registry is directed to send a copy of the order along with petition(s) and annexures to the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police/Superintendent of Police for necessary compliance.”

5. Having considered the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner, I am of the view that the facts of the petition in hand are similar to one noticed in the judgment rendered in the case of ***P..... Minor Through Vikram (supra)***. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of in terms of the judgment dated 28.03.2022, rendered in the case of ***P..... Minor Through Vikram (supra)***.

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

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