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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-4888-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.05.2024

Neha Tewatia

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Rajender Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.5 to 33 and their relatives.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is major and is 23 years of age. Her family members and other relatives, in connivance with respondent No.30-middle woman and in-law of the petitioner, forcibly performed her marriage with respondent No.24 on 03.03.2024 against her wishes. When resisted by the petitioner not to perform marriage as she wants to continue her studies, she was given beatings by her

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family members before marriage and locked her in a room and even after the marriage, her in-laws family also beaten her up. On 18.03.2024, the petitioner called the police and after coming to her house, the police took her to Women Police Station Ballabgarh and thereafter, she was kept in protection home from 18.03.2024 to 21.03.2024 and her statement was also recorded. It is further contended that the important documents and other necessary items of the petitioner are still lying in her house in Village Khajurka and she is in the need of said documents to continue her studies and also to take legal recourse, therefore, police help may be provided to her to recover the documents and other belongings from her house. The petitioner also submitted a representation dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-2) to respondent No.2 through email, but till date, no action has been taken thereon.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

5. On asking of the Court, Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to supply copy of complete set of paperbook to learned State counsel during course of the day.

6. Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, present petition is disposed of. The jurisdictional police authorities are directed to provide police help to the petitioner to remove the important documents and other belongings from her house in Village Khajurka, Tehsil and District Palwal.

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7. The petitioner is directed to approach the SHO, Police Station Chandhut, District Palwal for the aforementioned purpose, within a period of two weeks from today.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No