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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-7071-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.07.2024

Sheetal Gautam

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

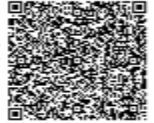
... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Sahil Vashishat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner from the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 or anybody else.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is a minor of 15 years of age. Her parents used to force her to do prostitution, due to which, she ran away from the house and started living with her aunt at Ludhiana. The petitioner has already submitted a representation dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-1) before respondents No.2 & 3, but till date, no action has been taken thereon.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-1) submitted by her in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

5. On asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to supply copy of complete paperbook to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

6. Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner 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

25.07.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No