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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6845-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.07.2024

Kiranpal Kaur

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Gazi Mohd. Umair, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. 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 and her family members from the hands of private respondents and further to decide the representations (Annexures P-1 & P-2) submitted by the petitioner.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the marriage between the petitioner and respondent No.4 was solemnized on 24.03.2024 according to Sikh rites and rituals. After 07 days of the marriage, her in-law's family started demanding Rs.10.00 lacs for bringing less dowry



and gave beating to the petitioner. When she said that her parents cannot fulfill the demand of more dowry, husband of the petitioner, her mother-in-law and father-in-law gave beatings to her. It is further stated by the petitioner that her sister-in-law (nanad), who is residing in Canada and through Whatsapp Call, she used to say to her parents that if the petitioner is not in a position to bring Rs.10.00 lacs from her parental grandparents, then desert her from the matrimonial home and they will solemnize second marriage of respondent No.4. After few days of the marriage, the petitioner came to know about illegal relations of respondent No.4 with another girl. Respondent No.4 is a drug addict. Her in-laws maltreated her and even they locked her in the room and did not give food. On 21.04.2024, after having a talk with sister-in-law (nanad) of the petitioner, her husband, mother-in-law and father-in-law beaten her and asked to bring Rs.10.00 lacs and threatened that if she failed to do so, her husband will give divorce to her and since father-in-law of the petitioner is serving in Police Department, they threatened to implicate her and her parental grandparents in a false case, if any legal action is taken against them. Thereafter, the petitioner approached the Senior Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla by submitting the representations dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-1) and dated 08.07.2024 (Annexure P-2), 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.2 to



consider and decide the representations dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-1) and 08.07.2024 (Annexure P-2) 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.2 to consider and decide the representations dated 24.06.2024 (Annexure P-1) and 08.07.2024 (Annexure P-2) 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

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No