



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-7125-2024

Date of decision: 31.07.2024

Vandna (Minor)

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Mohit Kakkar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manish Gilhotra, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Om Prakash and ASI Ram Prakash, has brought to the notice of this Court that an FIR bearing No.0065 under Sections 137(2), 96, 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 stands registered on 30.07.2024 at Police Station Mamdot, District Ferozepur, against Dharampreet Singh, who has filed the instant petition on behalf of the petitioner, who is a minor. Learned State counsel has placed on record a copy of the FIR in question.



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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the petitioner, no doubt, is a minor, however, she is facing serious threats at the hands of her family members and hence, directions be issued to the official respondents that in case she appears before the police she be granted protection forthwith. It has also been submitted that the petitioner would be willing to be lodged in a Nari Niketan in view of the continuous threat perception being extended to her by the private respondents.

4. Learned State counsel submits that in case the petitioner does approach the police, the police would ensure that she is granted adequate protection and if she desires, they would not hesitate to lodge her in some Nari Niketan.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

6. In case the petitioner approaches the official respondents to protect her life and liberty or to be lodged in some Nari Niketan, the official respondents are duty bound to provide her adequate protection or lodge her in some Nari Niketan.

7. With these observations, no further order is required to be passed on the present petition which is disposed of accordingly.

31.07.2024

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No