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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(113)

CRWP-7371-2024 (O & M)
Date of decision: 05.08.2024

Sangeeta Verma Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors. ...Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Ms. Kriteka Sheokand, Advocate, for the petitioner.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner from the private respondent No.4 and for appropriate action to be taken on the representation dated 17.05.2024 (Annexure P-1).

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner was married to respondent No.4 in the year 1989 and three children were born from this wedlock. On account of a matrimonial discord, the petitioner is stated to have left the matrimonial home in the year 2007 with the children. The children were living abroad and the petitioner was residing at Mohali. She was being harassed and tortured by respondent No.4 as he would enter into her rented accommodation, try to threaten her and used abusive language in front of the neighbors. Repeated representations were made to the local



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police for protection which had not been met by any adequate response. Therefore, the present petition had been filed.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that on account of a matrimonial discord, the petitioner had left the matrimonial home alongwith the children and was now residing at Mohali where she was repeatedly being tortured and threatened by respondent No.4 who repeatedly makes attempts to enter into her rented accommodation. Therefore, action ought to be taken against respondent No.4 and protection be provided to the petitioner.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and gone through the record.

5. An identical petition bearing CRWP No.4478 of 2024 had been filed by the petitioner which had come up for hearing before this Court on 16.05.2024 on which date, the following order was passed:-

The learned counsel for the petitioners seeks permission to withdraw the present petition with liberty to avail alternative remedies in accordance with law.

The present petition is ordered to be dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty as aforesaid.

6. On the very next day, the petitioner has sent a representation dated 26.04.2024 on 17.05.2024 (Annexure P-1) seeking the same relief as sought in the earlier petition. Apparently, this petition is misconceived inasmuch as the petitioner had been given the liberty to avail her alternative



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remedies in accordance with law. However, instead of availing her alternative civil/criminal remedies, she had approached this Court once again.

7. In view of the above discussion, I find no merit in the present petition and the same stands dismissed with costs of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited with the Society for the Care of Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh Account No.10506615304, IFSC Code:- SBIN0003246, MICR Code:160002014, State Bank of India. A receipt thereof be placed on the record of this file.

8. Needless to say, the petitioner is at liberty to avail her alternative remedies in accordance with law.

August 05, 2024
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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