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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRWP-8658-2024

Date of decision: 06.09.2024

Manpreet Kaur Minor Through Her Next Friend John Masih ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGHPresent: Mr. Vishneet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.
(Through VC)

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner a minor daughter of Harjit Singh through her next friend John Masih aged about 22 years resident of Village Alisher Tehsil and District Gurdaspur.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is apprehending threat from hands of respondents No.4 to 9 who are parents and other relatives of the petitioner. Being aggrieved, the petitioner has filed the present petition seeking direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect her life and liberty from the hands of aforesaid private respondents and in this regard, petitioner had earlier given representation Annexure P-2 but the police authorities failed to take any action.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab.

5. In light of the fact that petitioner a minor female is residing

with John Masih aged about 22 years who is not related to the petitioner, respondent No.2 is hereby directed to depute some gazetted police officer who in coordination with District Child Welfare Committee Gurdaspur should immediately take custody of Manpreet Kaur a minor girl and then to lodge her in nearest Nari Niketan/Shelter Home run by the government, without any delay. The concerned police officer is directed to submit compliance report with the Registry of this Court within next 15 days.

6. The incharge of the aforesaid Nari Niketan/Shelter Home is directed to release the petitioner as and when she attains age of majority i.e. 18 years of age.

7. In light of the above, as nothing remains to be adjudicated in the present petition, the same is hereby disposed of in aforesaid terms.

06.09.2024
Yogesh

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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