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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-58073-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.11.2024

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Kehar Singh Hissowal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking issuance of direction to the official
respondents, especially respondent No.2 to consider and decide the
representation dated 16.10.2024 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner
against respondents No.6 to 8 and to take appropriate action against them, in
accordance with law.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the

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petitioner was working as maid in the house of private respondents since 07.02.2023 and was living there. Respondent No.6 made physical relations with her on the pretext of marriage and he threatened her not to disclose about this incident to anyone, otherwise he would kill her and her family and ultimately, she impregnated and on 22.06.2024, she gave birth to a male child. Thereafter, the private respondents deserted her from their home and they threatened to kill her and her family, if she tried to take legal action against them. Respondent No.6, by visiting house of parents of the petitioner in Village Hasanpur, District Sangrur, abused them in the name of their caste and threatened to kill them. It is further contended that when the petitioner was pregnant, she was forced to do extra household work, which was not suitable for her health and even she was given beatings.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that the petitioner belongs to a poor family and the private respondents abused her in the name of her caste '*chuhri*'. After birth of the child, the petitioner was not allowed by the private respondents to enter their house. Having left with no other option, the petitioner and her father Kulwant Singh approached the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur by submitting a complaint dated 12.07.2024 (Annexure P-1). Thereafter, when no action was taken by respondents No.2 & 3 on the complaint (Annexure P-1), as the private

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respondents are rich and influential and very close to area MLA, on 16.10.2024, the petitioner moved various representations (Annexures P-2 to P-6) to Governor of Punjab, Director General of Police, Chairman, Punjab State Women Commission, Mohali, Chairman, Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes and even reminder (Annexure P-5) was sent to respondent No.3 and in spite of that, till date, no action has been taken against the private respondents.

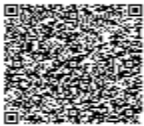
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 12.07.2024 (Annexure P-1) submitted by her in a time bound manner.

5. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

6. On asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 5-State. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to supply copy of complete paperbook to learned State counsel during course of the day.

7. 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur to consider and decide the representation dated 12.07.2024 (Annexure P-1)

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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.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No