



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

CRWP-7986-2025
Date of decision: 24.07.2025

Harleen KaurPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Puneet Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to ensure freedom and to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondent No.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that on the night of 19.07.2025, the petitioner fled from her parental home out of fear that she would be forcibly taken to an engagement ceremony against her will. Deprived of access to her identity and educational documents and suffering from severe mental distress, the petitioner sought refuge at the residence of Ms. Seema, a long-standing and trusted family friend, who provided her with both shelter and emotional support. The petitioner has been residing with Ms. Seema voluntarily and has continued her educational pursuits from there. It is further submitted that during the petitioner's stay at Ms. Seema's residence, respondent No.4 made attempts to trace her whereabouts by contacting neighbours and acquaintances. Upon discovering her location, respondent No.4 allegedly issued

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threats that she, along with others, would forcibly remove the petitioner and compel her to proceed with the marriage against her wishes. Thereafter, the petitioner has already made a representation dated 20.07.2025 (Annexure P-2) for seeking protection of her life and liberty.

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 representation dated 20.07.2025 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab, puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State and copy of the petition has been supplied in the Court.

Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 20.07.2025 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner and take appropriate steps including grant of any protection to the petitioner in view of the apprehension, if any, 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

24.07.2025*Neha*

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