



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

CRWP-9997-2024

Date of decision: 21.01.2025

SATWINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Ramandeep Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India for directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents.

2. On 18.10.2024, the following order was passed :

"1. As per earlier direction both petitioners Satwinder Singh and Akashdeep Kaur are present in the Court. Akashdeep Kaur claimed that both her parents had expired and she was residing with her Aunt/Bhua Jasveer Kaur who is respondent No.5. Her husband Mithu Singh has already expired. Raja Singh respondent No.6 is her cousin and Gaggu Singh respondent No.7 is her Jija Ji. She alleged that she is uneducated. She came in contact with petitioner No.1 in a bazaar. Now she is residing with him for the last about 10 days. On enquiry, Satwinder Singh claimed that her Aunt/Bhua was trying to sell her and also gave her beating. Under these circumstances, petitioner No.2 started residing with him.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners stated that both petitioners will perform when petitioner No.2 attain marriageable age.

Considering the aforesaid facts, one thing is there that Akashdeep Kaur petitioner No.2 is a minor and she cannot be left in the custody of petitioner No.1. For the safety of petitioner No.2,

SHO Police Station Sector-3, Chandigarh is directed to send her to Nari Niketan, Sector-26, Chandigarh for today and further directed that on 19.10.2024 she will be shifted to Gandhi Vanita Aashram, Jalandhar, where she will be kept till further orders.

3. *Notice be issued to respondent Nos.4 to 7 and status report be also filed.”*

3. In compliance of the order passed by this Court, status report by way of an affidavit dated 20.01.2025 of Harbans Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City-I, Bathinda on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3-State has been filed, which is taken on record.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.2 has attained the age of majority. As such, she is capable of taking steps for her welfare and both the petitioners are of marriageable age now and are intending to perform marriage. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied, in case, a direction be issued to concerned authorities in Gandhi Vanita Aashram, Jalandhar to release petitioner No.2.
5. Learned State counsel submits that threat perception of the petitioners has been dispassionately assessed and the statements of the private respondents have been recorded. He further submits that now, there is no threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners.
6. In view of the above, no further directions are required to be issued and the present petition stands disposed of.

January 21, 2025
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |