



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

**CRWP-2740-2026(O&M)
Date of Decision :11.03.2026**

Pxxxx and Another

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and Others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Mr. Chetan Gupta and
Mr. Dhananjay Singh, Advocate for the petitioners
(through VC)

MANDEEP PANNU J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners(petitioner No.1, being minor through her de facto guardian/next friend Joginder Singh, who is father of petitioner No.2) and also to produce petitioner No.1(minor) before the concerned Child Welfare Committee for appropriate orders as well as direction to respondent No.2 to decide their representation dated 07.03.2026(Annexure P-3).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioner No.1 is 16 years and 8 months old whereas petitioner No.2 is 19 years old. It is further submitted that both the petitioners are



known to each other for a considerable period of time and share a close association. However, the private respondents are strongly opposing their association and have become hostile and aggressive towards them. Learned counsel also submits that due to continuous threats and hostile behaviour of the private respondents, petitioner No.1 is presently residing with petitioner No.2 and his family only for safety reasons and no illegal act has been committed by them. They have submitted a representation dated 07.03.2026 (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Superintendent of Police, District Fatehabad, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Addl. AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. A copy of the paper-book be handed over to him during the course of the day.

5. The Coordinate Bench of this Court, while examining the issue of protection to the minors in the case of **P..... Minor Through Vikram v. State of Haryana and another** (CRWP-2139-2022 (O&M), decided on 28.03.2022) and other connected matters, i.e. CRWP-2140-2022 (O&M) and CRWP-2250-2022 (O&M), had disposed of the matter by issuing directions to the Senior Superintendent of Police to depute a Child Welfare Police Officer to produce the minor before the Child Welfare Committee constituted



under the Juvenile Justice Act within a period of one week. Relevant directions are extracted as under:-

"26. In view of the above, the petitions are partly allowed with directions as under:-

1. The minor in all these cases happen to fall within the definition of child in need of care and protection as provided under section 2(14)(vii) (xii) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The Senior Superintendent of Police/Superintendent of Police of the respective districts shall depute a Child Welfare Police Officer to produce the minor/child before the Committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015.

II. The respective Committee shall conduct enquiry contemplated under Section 36 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and pass an appropriate order under section 37 of the said Act, by associating all the stakeholder, and to ensure that the objects of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 are well served.

III. The Child Welfare Committee shall take appropriate decisions with respect to the boarding and lodging of the minor and also to conduct enquiry on all issues relating to and affecting safety and well-being of the child/minor.

IV. During the pendency of such adjudication and passing of orders as contemplated under Section 37 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, the committee shall also take appropriate interim/decisions as regards placement of a child/custody of the child in need of care and protection.

V. The concerned SSPs/SPs shall also take appropriate steps as warranted by law against the threat perception to the minor as well as to their next friend, through whom the minors have approved this Court and to ensure that the respective petitioners are protected from any physical harm at the instance of the respondents in respective cases.

VI. The petitioners are directed to appear in the office of SSP/SP of the respective Districts within a period of 03 days from today, failing which the concerned SSP/SP shall depute a



Child Welfare Police Officer to produce the minor before the Child Welfare Committee within a period of 01 week thereafter.

VII. The Child Welfare Committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, shall send a compliance report to this Court."

6. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in the same terms as the judgment dated 28.03.2022, rendered in the case of **P.....Minor Through Vikram's case** (supra). The petitioners are directed to appear before respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Fatehabad, Tehsil and District Fatehabad, within 10 days. Upon their appearance, Superintendent of Police, District Fatehabad is directed to depute a Child Welfare Officer to produce the petitioner No.1 (minor) before the Committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, within a week. The other directions issued in the case of **P..... Minor Through Vikram's case (supra)** shall also be applicable and complied with by all concerned.

7. Furthermore, the Superintendent of Police, District Fatehabad is further directed to consider the representation dated 07.03.2026 (Annexure P-3) qua threat perception and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

8. It is nevertheless clarified that they would not be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal



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proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

9. Pending application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

March 11, 2026
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(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Speaking
Whether reportable : Yes/No