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

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Date of Decision :22.01.2026**

Jassi Kaur (Minor) through her next friend Rajo Kaur
....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and Others
....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Mr.Mohan Singla, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Hardeep Singh, DAG, Punjab

Ms. Jasmine Gill, AAG, Punjab

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 life and liberty of the petitioner (being minor, through her next friend Rajo Kaur) at the hands of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is 17 years and 9 months old. It is further submitted petitioner has fled away from home of private respondents and started living with her friend, Rajo Kaur. The petitioner seeks appropriate protection from the authorities and has submitted a representation dated 28.12.2025 (Annexure P-2) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala and Superintendent of

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Police, Fatehabad, but is still apprehensive about her security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of her relatives-respondents.

3. Pursuant to notice of motion having been issued, both learned State counsels have filed their status report wherein it has been stated that there is no threat to the petitioner now. However, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is still threat to the petitioner.

4. Heard.

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 petitioner, through her next friend Rajo Kaur, is directed to appear before

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

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