



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE UT CHANDIGARH
ADD. DELUXE BUILDING, SECTOR-9 CHANDIGARH-160009

ORDER

In order dated 29.01.2024 by Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh in CRWP-12562 of 2023 (O&M) titled as Kajal Versus State of Haryana & others and other connected cases, directions have been passed that ".....**each district may have a Nodal Officer who will ensure that a representation received in any of Police Stations from a run-away couple either married, proposing to get married or willing to live in relationship will be addressed within a time frame to be the shortest possible and in case such grievance is not addressed by the entrusted officer of Police, he will be made accountable for the same. Further, exploring the feasibility of placing an appellate authority to adjudicate of any appeal by aggrieved party after redressal of the representation at the first instance**".

In compliance of the directions issued vide above said orders, the following action is hereby initiated with immediate effect in continuation to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding protection to runaway couple vide No. 9478-9529/UT/HAC dated 22.12.2021:-

1. DSP Women & Child Support Unit (W&CSU) is hereby designated as Nodal Officer to dispose off representation received from a run-away couple (married, proposing to get married or willing to live in relationship) within 5 days by passing a reasoned speaking order.
2. Accordingly, protection shall be provided by the Special Protection Cell, Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) to runaway couple immediately after receiving the information. Immediate steps will be taken to lodge the runaway couple to protection home, Sector-19 B, Chandigarh as per its guidelines. In case girl is minor, she shall be lodged to Aashiana, Sector-15, Chandigarh.

Further, the assessment of threat perception to runaway couple from their parents, relatives, and others shall be done within 48 hours by the SHO of the concerned Police Station in case if runaway couple is resident of UT Chandigarh. The threat perception report shall be sent by the SHO of the concerned Police Station to the nodal officer within aforementioned time frame. If complaint is directly received at any Police Station, the SHO concerned shall ensure immediate protection to the couple and conduct threat assessment

as aforementioned. The SHO shall then send the report to the nodal officer while adhering to the time limit through the SDPO concerned.

3. If the runaway couple belongs to other state, the concerned district SP of the state will be informed accordingly for further necessary action at their end by the nodal officer. The runaway couple from state of Haryana or Punjab will be dropped by the Special Protection Cell at Panchkula/Mohali safe house/protection home.
4. Superintendent of Police, Women & Child Support Unit (W&CSU) is hereby designated as Appellate Authority to adjudicate any appeal by aggrieved party after redressal of the representation at the first instance.
5. Any failure by the entrusted officer of Police shall be considered as an act of misconduct for which departmental action will be taken as per rule.

Mridul
04.03.2024

(Mridul, IPS)
Superintendent of Police, W&CSU
For Inspector General of Police,
UT, Chandigarh.

No. 1367-1414 /UT/HAC, dated, Chandigarh the: 05.03.2024

Copy for information:-

- W/DGP/UT
- W/Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration.
- W/IGP/UT
- W/SSP/UT
- W/SP/HQ

Copy for information & necessary action:-

1. DSP/ W&CSU
2. All SDPOs & All DSPs.
3. DSP/Communication:- To brief the staff of Emergency Response Service Scheme (ERSS-112) in this regard.
4. All SHOs & I/C UNITS
5. I/C Computer Section, to upload the same on the Official website of Chandigarh Police.