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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP-9832-2020

Date of Decision: 26.11.2020

Gurpreet Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is present in person through Video Conferencing and identified by her counsel. She seeks protection of her life and liberty by contending that she is living with her friend, namely, Jasbir Singh against the wishes of her family members respondent Nos.4 & 5, and so seeks appropriate protection from the authorities. She submitted a representation (Annexure P-1) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala on 19.11.2020, but is still apprehensive about her security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of her family members-respondents.

2. For the aforesaid reasons, this appears to be a fit case for this Court to invoke the inherent powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. and in view of the mandate contained in Article 21 of the Constitution of India to protect the citizen's right to life and liberty.

3. Thus the Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala is directed to consider the representation dated 19.11.2020 (Annexure P-1) and take

appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of

the petitioner.

4. It is, however, observed that the petitioner would not be entitled to any protection against her arrest of continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in punishable cognizable offence.

5. The petition is disposed off with the above direction.

26.11.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No