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

CRWP-7804-2021

Date of decision : 18.08.2021

Ganga (Kinner)

...Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Rohit Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present Criminal Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

In the representations dated 22.06.2021 and 30.07.2021 (Annexures P-2 and P-3), apart from stating that life and liberty of the petitioner is also at threat, several other allegations with respect to the incident which took place when the petitioner was 14 years of age and also with respect to possession taken by the private respondents, have also been mentioned.

However, learned counsel for the petitioner has restricted his prayer with respect to protection of life and liberty of the petitioner only and with respect to any other relief/action, he would seek alternative remedies.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, Advocate appears

and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 and on a specific query raised by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representations dated 22.06.2021 and 30.07.2021 (Annexures P-2 and P-3) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and takes appropriate action in accordance with law.

After considering the facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it appropriate to direct respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representations dated 22.06.2021 and 30.07.2021 (Annexures P-2 and P-3) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and after making necessary enquiries, respondent No.3 shall take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is, however, clarified that this Court has not gone into the merits of the allegations made by the petitioner and it would be open to respondent No.3 to make his independent enquiry/assessment with regard to the representations with a limited prayer aforesaid.

In view of what has been observed above, the present Criminal Writ petition is disposed of in the abovesaid terms.

Nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

It is, however, clarified that this order shall not debar the State from proceeding against the petitioner, if involved in any case.

18.08.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No