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

CRWP-7906-2021

Date of decision : 20.08.2021

Navdeep Singh @ Mintu Dardi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Kiranpal Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present Criminal Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a representation dated 17.08.2021 (Annexure P-1) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, in which he has stated that the petitioner is running a musical group and on account of some dispute which has arisen between the petitioner and Reet @ Jasmin Kaur-respondent No.4, the petitioner has received threatening calls from various telephone numbers which had been detailed in the representation.

On a pointed query put by this Court to the learned counsel for

the petitioner that in the said representation (Annexure P-1) even action against the said respondent No.4 is also sought, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he does not press the said aspect of representation and would seek alternative remedy in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied in case respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, is directed to decide the representation (Annexure P-1) only with respect to protection of life and liberty of the petitioner, in accordance with law.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and on a specific query put by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 17.08.2021 (Annexure P-1) 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.2-Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 17.08.2021 (Annexure P-1) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and after making necessary enquiries, respondent No.2 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.2 to make his independent enquiry/assessment with regard to the representation 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.

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

20.08.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No