

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

CRWP-8118-2021.  
Date of Decision:-27.08.2021.

Manpreet Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

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Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)**

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a detailed representation dated 23.08.2021 (Annexure P-1) to respondent No.2 in which it has been stated that she is a care-taker in Mohan Lal Hospital, Mall Road, Bathinda and respondent Nos.4 to 7 are harassing her and, thus, she has taken a house on rent from one Paramjit Kaur. In the said representation, it has been stated that on 02.08.2021, the private respondents had committed acts because of which the present petitioner has an apprehension to her life and liberty. A perusal of the

representation (Annexure P-1) would also show that the petitioner has sought action against the said persons in addition to seeking protection of her life and liberty. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that he would be limiting his prayer to seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and would be satisfied in case respondent No.2 is directed to look into only the said aspect.

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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, District Bathinda, looks into the representation dated 23.08.2021 (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 to look into the representation (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 (Annexure P-1) with a limited prayer aforesaid.

In view of what has been observed above, the present 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.

**(VIKAS BAHL)**  
**JUDGE**

**August 27, 2021.**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.