

115 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8256-2021
Date of decision :01.09.2021

Ranjit Kaur Bath

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is a 63-years-old lady and has filed this criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for giving directions to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and her family members.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that although in her representation dated 18.08.2021 (Annexure P-2), she has made several prayers including the prayer for protecting her life and liberty and her family members as well as for the return of money and also for the inquiry of the case to be conducted by Police Station Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar Rural. However, it has been submitted during the course of arguments that she will restrict her prayer only with respect to the protection of life and liberty of the petitioner as well as her family members. With respect to the other two prayers, she would seek alternate appropriate remedies. It has further been argued that since there is apprehension to the life and liberty of the petitioner

as has been stated in the said representation, thus, the petitioner would be

satisfied in case respondent No.2 is directed to look into the representation dated 18.08.2021 (Annexure P-2) to the limited extent of protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and her family members and to take appropriate action with respect to the same.

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

On advance notice, Mr. P.S. Walia, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4. He has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent No.2 looks into the representation dated 18.08.2021 (Annexure P-2) with a limited prayer for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and takes appropriate action, in accordance with law.

After considering the above-said facts and without commenting upon or expressing any opinion on merits of the case, the present criminal writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation (Annexure P-2) and to assess the threat perception to the petitioner and after considering the same, respondent No.2 shall take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

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

01.09.2021
JITESH (JTS)

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