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

CRWP-8552-2021

Date of decision : 09.09.2021

Kirna Devi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

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

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 directions to 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 31.08.2021 (Annexure P-1) to respondent Nos.2 and 3, in which, it has been averred that the petitioner was married with respondent No.4-Pinky Ram on 25.03.2010 who is harassing her. Even the parents of the petitioner did not support her and thus, she has to take the help from her friend and is residing in the house of her friend and on account of the said fact, the parents are threatening the petitioner and there is an apprehension to life and liberty of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that the petitioner would be satisfied if only aspect with respect to protection of life and liberty of the petitioner is taken into consideration by respondent No.2.

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

On advance notice, Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, 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, looks into the representation dated 31.08.2021 (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-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 31.08.2021 (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.

09.09.2021*Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:-****Yes/No****Whether reportable:-****Yes/No**