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

CRWP-9256-2021

Date of decision : 27.09.2021

Gurcharan Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Amit Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus to direct the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both the petitioners are Senior Citizen and they had given a representation dated 14.07.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Fatehabad, as per which, although they had highlighted some incident which would cause reasonable apprehension in their mind but had made a prayer that action be taken against their daughter-in-law and all the persons who have harassed the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that at this stage, the petitioners would not press any action to be taken against their daughter-in-law and other persons but only prays that respondent No.2 may kindly be directed to look into the threat perception to the petitioners and take

appropriate action in accordance with law.

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

On advance notice, Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 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, considers the request of the petitioners with respect to only protection of their life and liberty 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 consider the request of the petitioners with respect to only protection of their life and liberty 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 petitioners and it would be open to respondent No.2 to make his independent enquiry/assessment with regard to the request of the petitioners 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 petitioners, if involved in any case.

27.09.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No