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

CRWP-9870-2021

Date of decision : 14.10.2021

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Bhateja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

(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 directions to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents who are stated to have grudge against the petitioner as the petitioner has got registered large number of FIRs against them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a detailed representation dated 17.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, in which, it has been detailed that the petitioner has got several FIRs registered against the private respondents and on account of the said fact, the private respondents

have done the acts which have caused reasonable apprehension in the mind of the petitioner. There could be harm caused to his life and liberty. It has also been stated that it is difficult for the petitioner to come and give evidence in the said cases.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he would be satisfied in case respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police is directed to look into representation dated 17.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) with respect to the aspect of only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and after seeing the threat perceptions, takes appropriate action 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 17.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) 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 17.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and after making necessary enquiries and assessing the threat perception to the petitioner, 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.

14.10.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No