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

CRWP-9706-2021

Date of decision : 12.10.2021

Balwinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Kuljit Singh Bal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner from the hands of respondent Nos.6 and 7 who are stated to be the son and daughter-in-law of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a representation dated 03.02.2020 (Annexure P-2) to respondent Nos.3 and 4 and has further given a reminder dated 14.02.2021 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.4. In the application/representation dated 03.02.2020 (Annexure P-2), it has been stated that certain incident has happened on account of which the petitioner has an apprehension of her life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.6 and 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied if respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, is directed to look into representation dated 03.02.2020 (Annexure P-2) and after considering the threat perceptions, takes appropriate action in accordance with

law.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 5 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 5 and on a specific query put by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 03.02.2020 (Annexure P-2) 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.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 03.02.2020 (Annexure P-2) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and after making necessary enquiries, respondent No.3 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.3 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.

12.10.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No