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

CRWP-10737-2021

Date of decision : 12.11.2021

Geeta Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Ram Karan Agnihotri, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 12.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1 has given a detailed representation dated 08.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Karnal, in which, it has been detailed by petitioner No.1 that she got married to respondent No.4-Ashok Kumar, about 12 years back and the said respondent No.4 had treated her very badly and had given her beating in July, 2020 as well as on 09.10.2021 and then again on 07.11.2021, on

account of which she left the matrimonial home and even her parents have not accepted her or her son and thus, she has taken the help of her known namely Shamsher Singh and it is further stated that the petitioners are living independently in a rented accommodation in Karnal. However, the private respondents are threatening to eliminate the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has further stated that the petitioners would be satisfied, in case, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, is directed to look into the representation dated 08.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) on the limited aspect of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and after considering the threat perceptions, takes appropriate action in accordance with law.

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

On advance notice, Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana, 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-Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 08.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioners 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 look into the representation dated 08.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioners 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 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 petitioners, if involved in any case.

12.11.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No