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

CRWP-11185-2021

Date of decision : 26.11.2021

Sushma Devi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Ms. Monika Jangra, Advocate for
Mr. Nirmal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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, directing the official respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioner from respondent Nos.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a detailed representation dated 22.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, in which it has been stated that the petitioner had solemnized marriage with Anirudh on 10.10.2013 and she has three children but however, her in-laws had been

harassing her and had been asking to do illegal acts and on account of which, she ran away with her daughter and has apprehension that her in-laws may cause harm to her and her children. She has further submitted that the relief in the said representation to the effect that no action be taken on the application given by the in-laws of the petitioner is not being pressed by her and she submits that the petitioner would be satisfied, in case, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police is directed to consider the representation dated 22.11.2021 (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.

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 22.11.2021 (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.2-Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 22.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) 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.

26.11.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No