

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

CRWP No. 339 of 2022
Date of Decision: 14-01-2022

Rajwinder Kaur and another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Rahul Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitaa, AAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

Fearing for life and liberty at the hands of her husband, father-in-law and mother-in-law, an estranged wife along with her minor daughter, has come up before this Court, invoking the fundamental right of life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, seeking protection through the State.

Notices served upon the official respondents through the State's counsel. Given the nature of the order, this Court proposes to pass, neither the response of official respondents is required nor exists any requirement to issue notices to the private respondents.

If the allegations of apprehension of threat to life turn out to be true, it might lead to an irreversible loss. Thus, in the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, it shall be appropriate that the concerned Superintendent of Police, SHO, or any officer to whom such powers have been delegated or have been authorized in this regard, provide appropriate protection **through female police official(s)**, to the petitioner for one week from today. However, if the petitioner no longer requires the protection, then it may be discontinued even before the expiry of one week. After that, the concerned officers shall extend the protection on day-to-day analysis of the ground realities or upon the oral or written request of the

petitioner.

It is clarified that there is no adjudication on merits. It is also clarified that this order is not a blanket bail in any FIR against petitioner No.1. It is further clarified that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioner No.1 is required in any cognizable case. It shall also be open for the petitioner(s) to approach this Court again in case of any fresh threat perception.

Petition is allowed to the extent mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

January 14, 2022
Manpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No