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

CRWP-3086-2022

Date of decision : 04.04.2022

Shabnam

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. H.S. Jugait, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner alongwith issuance of certain other directions.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has moved representation dated 14.01.2022 (Annexure P-4) before Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar-respondent No.2, in which, the allegations have been made by the petitioner with respect to the petitioner having been physically assaulted/abused repeatedly and thereafter, been put into flesh trade by coercion. Further reference has also been made to the representation dated 17.02.2022 (Annexure P-8) which is at page 41 of the paper book.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that the petitioner would be satisfied, in case respondent No.2 is directed to look into the representations dated 14.01.2022 (Annexure P-4) and dated 17.02.2022 (Annexure P-8) and after considering the entire matter, take appropriate action

in accordance with law.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 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 representations dated 14.01.2022 (Annexure P-4) and dated 17.02.2022 (Annexure P-8) and take 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 representations dated 14.01.2022 (Annexure P-4) and dated 17.02.2022 (Annexure P-8) 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 petitioner and it would be open to respondent No.2 to make his independent enquiry/assessment with regard to the representations.

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.

04.04.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No