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

CRWP-3578-2022

Date of decision : 21.04.2022

Reena Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)**

This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of directions to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners have given a representation dated 05.04.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala with respect to protection of their life and liberty and in the said representation, they have detailed the facts so as to cause reasonable apprehension in their mind with regard to their life and liberty.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has further submitted that the petitioners would be satisfied in case, the present Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 05.04.2022 (Annexure P-5) only with respect to protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 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 representation dated 05.04.2022 (Annexure P-5) 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 05.04.2022 (Annexure P-5) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and after making necessary enquiries and assessing the threat perception to the petitioners, 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 respect to the limited prayer as 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.

**21.04.2022**

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**(VIKAS BAHL)  
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No**

**Whether reportable:- Yes/No**