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

**CRM-M-17063-2022
Date of Decision: 26.04.2022**

Preet Kaur

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Abhishek Khullar, Advocate for
Mr. Aashish Bishnoi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect the human rights and dignity of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents and further for direction to conduct fair and impartial investigation in the death case of her late husband.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it is a case of petitioner who is helpless widow aged 32 years and her husband namely Munish Kumar Singla had died and with regard to the death a DDR was also lodged which is at Annexure P-5. He further submitted that respondent Nos. 5 to 9 are relatives of her deceased husband and they are not only threatening the petitioner but also repeatedly wanting to get hold of the property of her late husband by unlawful means. He further submitted that these aforesaid private respondent Nos. 5 to 9 are hand in

glove with respondent No.4 namely Sukhwinder Singh who is a serving ASI in Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur and the aforesaid ASI is repeatedly calling the petitioner who is a widow and pressurizing her to enter into a compromise with the other private respondents and surrender her rights especially on the ground that the petitioner had never married the aforesaid Munish Kumar Singla. Learned counsel referred to Annexure P-1 which are the photographs to show that the petitioner was validly married with the aforesaid Munish Kumar Singla. He further submitted that be that as it may the serving police officer has exceeded his jurisdiction and power by repeatedly calling the petitioner to the police station for the aforesaid illegal purpose. He further submitted that the petitioner has filed representation (Annexure P-7) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sangrur but no action has been taken.

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

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, learned DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and states that he has no objection in case the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sangrur- respondent No.2 considers the representation (Annexure P-7) in accordance with law.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Although this Court would have hesitated to entertain such a petition wherein alternate remedy was available to the petitioner but considering the facts and circumstances where the petitioner who is a widow aged 32 years and the allegations made by her are that the relatives of her late husband are not only threatening the petitioner but

are also in connivance with the serving police official and calling her to the police station repeatedly and pressurizing her to surrender her rights as well as to make a compromise with them, this Court deems it fit and proper to exercise its power under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The learned counsel for the petitioner during the course of arguments has submitted that he will be satisfied in case the SSP, Sangrur, is directed to consider the aforesaid grievance of the petitioner in accordance with law, so that appropriate action can be taken.

In view of the above, this Court is of the view that without calling for reply from the State, appropriate directions be issued in this regard.

It is, therefore, directed that the SSP, District Sangrur-respondent No.2 shall look into the grievance of the petitioner especially the representation (Annexure P-7) in accordance with law and thereafter in case it is so required, then would take an appropriate action strictly in accordance with law.

Let the needful be done within a period of three weeks from the receipt of a copy of this order.

The present petition stands disposed of.

26.04.2022

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No