

121 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.3647 of 2022
Date of Decision:21.04.2022

Parveen Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Harsimran Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Asst. Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr.Nitin Rampal, Advocate for the private respondents

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

Fearing for life and liberty at the hands of the private respondents, the petitioner, who claim to have taken refuge with her friend-Harmesh Singh, has come up before this Court by invoking their fundamental rights of life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, seeking direction to the State to protect them from the private respondents.

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

3. If the allegations of apprehension of threat to their lives 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 to the petitioner and her friend for one week from today. However, if the petitioner no longer requires the protection, then at her request 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.

4. This order is subject to the condition that from the time such protection is granted, the petitioner and her friend-Harmesh Singh shall not flaunt it and shall avoid visiting areas where there may be a threat to their lives according to their perception.

5. It is clarified that there is no adjudication on merits and that this order is not a blanket bail in any FIR. It is further clarified that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioner and her friend is required in any cognizable case. It

shall also be open for the petitioner to approach this Court again in case of any fresh threat perception.

6. *There would be no need for a certified copy of this order, and any Advocate for the Petitioner and State can download this order and other relevant particulars from the official web page of this court and attest it to be a true copy. The concerned officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for immediate use.*

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

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No.