

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

CRWP No.7496 of 2022

Date of Decision: 05.08.2022

Neha (through her next friend, Jodha Masih)

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

BEFORE: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Jatin Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would be moving a representation to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur for seeking protection of her life and liberty and he prays that the said respondent be directed to look into and take appropriate action on the representation of the petitioner and the present petition may be disposed of accordingly.

2. Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance, has no objection to the above-discussed submission as well as the prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Resultantly, the petition in hand stands disposed of with a

direction to respondent No.3 that in case the petitioner moves any representation to him/her exclusively praying therein for the protection of her own life and liberty, he/she shall look into the same and if the petitioner would be found to be genuinely deserving the said protection, then he/she would take appropriate action strictly in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

4. It is further clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioner or her next friend-Jodha Masih or any other family member of her next friend against any proceedings/action already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by any competent authority/person on account of the facts and circumstances of this case and permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

August 05, 2022
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*