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

CRWP-7592-2022

Date of decision : 09.08.2022

Jagir Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Rahi, 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 praying for the issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a representation dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-6) to various police officials including respondent No.3 and in the said representation, she has given detailed facts in order to show that there is imminent danger to the life of the petitioner and her family members from one Vikas Dhir, who was earlier after the daughter of the petitioner and is still threatening the petitioner and that he has connections with gangsters also.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied in case, the present Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to look into the representation dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-6) only with respect to the protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and to consider providing a Security Guard to the

petitioner and to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel has submitted that he has no objection in case, respondent No.3, looks into the representation dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-6) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner 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.3, to look into the representation dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-6) with a limited prayer for only protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and after making necessary enquiries and assessing the threat perception to the petitioner, respondent No.3 shall take appropriate action in accordance with law.

Respondent No.3 is also directed to see the feasibility of providing a Security Guard to the petitioner for which, the petitioner would bear part expenses as would be determined by respondent No.2.

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.3 to make his independent enquiry/assessment with regard to the representation with a limited prayer 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 petitioner, if involved in any case.

09.08.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No