

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

**CRWP-7873-2022
Date of Decision: 22.08.2022**

Sheela and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Ankur Malik, Advocate for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking a prayer for directing the official respondents to perform their statutory duty and to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and take appropriate action against the private respondents in accordance with law with a further direction to the official respondents to transfer the investigation of the FIR which has been mentioned in the head note of the petition.

At the outset, the learned counsel for the petitioners has stated that he confines the scope of the present petition only to the extent of protection of the lives of the petitioners in view of the facts and circumstances of the present case and does not wish to press the other prayers.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1 to 4 only.

Mr. Naveen Singh Panwar, learned Deputy Advocate General, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and states that he has no objection in case the threat, if any to the petitioners is assessed by the competent police officer and thereafter in case it is so required, then

appropriate action may be taken.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The learned counsel for the petitioners confines the scope of the present petition only to the extent of protection to the lives of the petitioners.

Therefore, this Court is of the view that the present petition can be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-Superintendent of Police, Karnal, District Karnal to assess the threat perception of both the petitioners within a period of two weeks. In case, there exists any threat to their lives irrespective of the merits of the case, then further appropriate action be taken by the concerned police officials in this regard. However, it is made clear that the aforesaid directions are only pertaining to the protection of the lives of the petitioners and does not reflect anything on the merits of the controversy between the petitioners and the private respondents. It is further clarified that the aforesaid direction for grant of protection of lives to the petitioners would not be deemed to be any embargo for processing the FIR No. 567 dated 16.06.2022 which is stated to be against the petitioners and the same shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

The present petition stands disposed of.

22.08.2022

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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