

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

CRWP-8768-2022

Date of decision : 12.09.2022

Neha

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr.R.K.Kachura, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present Criminal Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a representation dated 07.09.2022 to respondent no.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, in which facts have been mentioned which would prima facie show that there is a danger to the life and liberty of the petitioner from the private respondents. It is further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any criminal case and she would be satisfied if only with respect to the aspect of protection of life and liberty of the petitioner, the said representation is taken into consideration by respondent no.2.

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

On advance notice, Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab,

appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1 to 3 and on a specific query put by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent no.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 07.09.2022 (Annexure P-2) 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.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the representation dated 07.09.2022 (Annexure P-2) 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.2 shall take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

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.2 to make his independent enquiry/assessment with regard to the representations 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.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

September 12, 2022.

Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether reportable:-	Yes/No