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

CRWP-12196-2022

Date of decision : 23.12.2022

Nikhil Tandon

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Binat Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, 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.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner from the hands of private respondents. In addition to the same, there are other prayers also made in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has only pressed his prayer for protection of his life and liberty and regarding the same, he has given a representation dated 01.11.2022 (Annexure P-6) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, detailing the facts which have raised reasonable apprehension in his mind with regard to his life and liberty.

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 direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 01.11.2022 (Annexure P-6) only with respect to protection of life and liberty of 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.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 01.11.2022 (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.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, to look into the representation dated 01.11.2022 (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.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 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.

23.12.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No