

**114** **2023:PHHC:095557**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT**  
**CHANDIGARH**

**CRWP-7118-2023 (O&M)**  
**Date of Decision: 27.07.2023**

**Rajwinder Kaur**

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

**State of Punjab and others**

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present: Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)**

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for issuance of appropriate directions or orders to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner who is stated to be in grave danger at the hands of private respondents No. 4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the scope of the present petition is only with regard to prayer for protecting the life of the petitioner. He submitted that the petitioner is a widow of the age of 38 years and after the death of her husband, family of her in-laws has been wanting to usurp the property by illegal means and regarding which a detailed complaint/representation was given vide Annexure P-12 to the SSP, Jagraon but no action has been taken in this regard. He submitted that the petitioner being a single lady and that too a widow and danger is at the hands of relatives of family of her in-laws which has been stated in

detail in the representation. Therefore, an appropriate direction be issued to the concerned police officials to assess the threat perception of the petitioner and in case it is so required, then to provide protection of life.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh Cheema, DAG, Punjab who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and stated that he has received an advance copy of the present petition and he has also sought instructions in this regard. He submitted that there is no doubt that there is dispute between the petitioner and her in-laws but proceedings under Section 145 Cr.P.C have already been initiated since a dispute has occurred on the spot. He further submitted that so far as the only prayer of the petitioner in the present petition is for protection of her life is concerned, the police will assess the threat perception of the petitioner pertaining to threat to her life only and in case the petitioner is required in some other case in accordance with law, then any direction issued by this Court should not operate as an embargo.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the scope of the present petition is only confined to protection of life of the petitioner at the hands of the private respondents who are stated to be the family members of her in-laws in view of the fact that the petitioner is a widow. The learned State counsel has also submitted that the police will assess the threat perception of the petitioner.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Jagraon

to assess the threat perception of the petitioner pertaining to her life as to whether there is any threat to her life or not within two weeks from today and in case it is so required, then to ensure that her life be protected at the hands of the private respondents or other relatives etc.

Needless to say that the nature of directions issued by this Court are only restricted to the protection of life of the petitioner and would not mean to be any embargo upon the State or the police in case the petitioner is involved in some other case and action is required to be taken in accordance with law.

27.07.2023  
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)  
JUDGE

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