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

**CRM-M-35550-2023
Date of Decision: 25.07.2023**

Pritam Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Naveen Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking direction to the respondent Nos.2 & 3 to conduct a fair investigation and arrest the accused in FIR No.682 dated 23.06.2019 under Sections 420 & 506 IPC registered at Police Station Sadar, District Karnal, who despite having been specifically named in the above stated FIR are roaming freely and also to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has at the outset stated that the petitioner is a lady of 74 years of age and an FIR under Section 420 & 506 IPC was registered but the police has not arrested the accused persons and they are roaming freely and submitted that at this stage, the prayer in the present petition may be confined only to the extent of grant of protection of life and liberty of the petitioner, who is a lady of the age of 74 years and he does not wish to press the prayer with regard to the arresting of the accused

persons, since she will be availing alternate remedy available to her either before the police officials or before the learned Magistrate. He also submitted that the petitioner is an old lady of the age of 74 years and her husband was an ex-serviceman who died in the year 2007 and there was a dispute with the accused persons as stated in the Annexure P-1, who are now pressurizing the petitioner to compromise the matter and threat of elimination has also been made by the accused persons. He further submitted that at least life and liberty of the petitioner may be protected in this regard.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Naveen Kumar Sheoran, DAG, Haryana accepted notice on behalf of the respondents/State and stated that he has instructions to state that one of the accused person has been arrested and since the learned counsel for the petitioner has confined the scope of the present petition only to the extent of protection of life and liberty of an old lady of the age of 74 years, the Superintendent of Police, Karnal will look into this issue of threat perception to the petitioner and in case it is so required then steps will be taken to ensure that the petitioner is not harmed at the hands of the accused persons.

5. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner has restricted the scope of the present petition only to the extent of protection of life and liberty of the petitioner since she is a lady of 74 years. Learned State counsel has also stated that the threat perception will be assessed at an appropriate level and in case it is so required then the needful will be done.

7. In view of the aforesaid position and the submission made by the learned State counsel, the Superintendent of Police, Karnal is, therefore, directed to assess the threat perception of the petitioner and in case, it is so

required then to ensure that the petitioner is given adequate protection strictly
in accordance with law.

25.07.2023

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
2. Whether reportable: Yes/No