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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.7352 of 2023
Date of Decision: 27.07.2023

Gurupreet Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: ***HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA***

Present:- Mr. G.S. Bajwa, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (Oral)

By way of the instant petition, the petitioner seeks the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect her as well as her family members' lives and liberty as she apprehends threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 & 5 because she has left her matrimonial home against their wishes. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-1) has already been moved to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, in this regard.

2. Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

3. Heard.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate

action on the said representation of the petitioner, i.e Annexure P-1, only to the extent of her prayer for the protection of her life and liberty.

5. Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

6. Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens as well as the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the facts and circumstances as mentioned in the instant petition, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, through respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Tarn Taran, is hereby directed to look into the afore-said representation (Annexure P-1) of the petitioner so far as it pertains to her prayer for the protection of her life and liberty only and if it is found that she (petitioner) genuinely deserves any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

7. However, it is clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioner against any criminal action/proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against her by any competent authority/person on account of the facts and circumstances as narrated in the present petition and permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

8. The petition in hand stands disposed of accordingly.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*
Whether Reportable: *No*