

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

CRM-M No.44847 of 2023

Date of Decision: 11.09.2023

Apoorva

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Ms. Aman Rani, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(ORAL)

By way of the instant petition, the petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C for seeking the issuance of directions to the official respondents to consider the complaint Annexure P-2, moved by her with the prayer to take appropriate legal action against respondent No.5 and also to protect her life, liberty and dignity, as she apprehends threat to the same at the hands of the above-said respondent.

2. Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance and on the instructions from ASI Jagjit Singh from Police Station Sarabha Nagar, District Ludhiana, he informs the Court that the Competent Authorities are already looking into and conducting enquiry in respect of the afore-referred complaint (Annexure P-2).

3. In view of the above-discussed submission as made by learned State counsel, it becomes explicit that the instant petition has been rendered infructuous to the extent of the prayer of the petitioner for the issuance of direction to the official respondents to consider her afore-said complaint and resultantly, the same stands partly disposed of accordingly.

4. So far as the relief sought by the petitioner for the protection of her life and liberty is concerned, a bare perusal of complaint Annexure P-2 reveals that she has nowhere specifically made the prayer for the same therein. However, 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 and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the present petition, the same stands partly disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana that in case, the petitioner moves any representation to him exclusively praying therein for the protection of her life and liberty only, he shall look into the same and if she would be found to be genuinely deserving such protection, then he shall take appropriate action, in accordance with law, in the given set of facts and circumstances of the matter, preferably within the period of two weeks thereafter.

11.09.2023

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No