

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.2354 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 23rd April, 2024

Ruchi Mehta

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. At the outset, learned counsel prays for impleading Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot as respondent No.2 instead of Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. On his oral request, Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot is impleaded instead of Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala as respondent No.2. Registry is directed to do the needful.

3. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus seeking directions to the respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents.

4. Learned counsel inter alia contends that it is a matter of record that there is some civil litigation pending between the parties;

the private respondents have, thus, been extending threats of dire consequences and also pressurizing her to withdraw those civil suits against them. It has been submitted that a representation dated 06.02.2024 (Annexure P-4) was also given, however, the authorities concerned had not come to her rescue.

5. Notice of motion to the official respondents.

6. At the asking of Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents.

7. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Pathankot to look into the representation dated 06.02.2024 (Annexure P-4) and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law at the earliest.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 23, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No