

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15103-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.03.2024

Kiran Bala

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Raghav Puggal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for issuing direction to respondent No. 1 to 4 to inquire into the complaint dated 23.11.2023 filed by the petitioner in view of ratio of law as laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Lalita Kumari vs. State of Uttar Pradesh, AIR 2014 SC 87* and also to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and her minor children at the hands of respondent Nos. 6 to 10 with certain other prayers.
2. At the very outset, while restraining his arguments only to the extent of issuing a direction for deciding the complaint/representation dated 10.08.2023 (*Annexure P-4*), learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has filed the said complaint/representation (*Annexure P-4*) before respondent No. 2-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar on 23.03.2023 for

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protecting her life and liberty but the same has not yet been considered and no action has been taken thereon. He further submitted that at this stage, the petitioner would feel satisfied if appropriate directions are issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the aforesaid representation filed by the petitioner and take necessary action thereon.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, has accepted the notice on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that the needful will be done in due course. Let a complete set of the paperbook be supplied to her during the course of the day.
5. In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioner, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of at this stage with a direction to respondent No. 2 to decide the aforesaid representation of the petitioner within a period of two months from today, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law. Needless to say, if any threat is found to the petitioner or her minor children, the official respondents would provide them adequate security in order to protect their life and liberty.

22.03.2024
Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No