



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

CRM-M No.32327 of 2024
Date of decision: 11th July, 2024

Anita Tandan

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Pushp Jain & Mr. Shahzad Singh,
Advocates for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of appropriate direction to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of the private respondents, with a further prayer to direct the official respondents to look into the representations dated 25.05.2024 and 27.06.2024 (Annexure P-4 and P-5 respectively) made by the petitioner and to take legal action against the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner had earlier also approached this Court by way of CRM-M No.25021 of 2024 seeking protection to her life and liberty at the hands of private respondents, who had been repeatedly extending threats of dire consequences. In the circumstances, this Court had issued directions to Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to look into the representation and grievance of the petitioner and take necessary steps in accordance with law.



3. It has been asserted by the learned counsel that despite the directions issued by this Court, the official respondents had not come to the rescue of the petitioner and rather the private respondents had indulged in vandalism by yet again demolishing the wall of the petitioner's house as well as committing theft of the CCTV camera which had been installed by her in her house. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner was then constrained to yet again move a representation dated 25.05.2024 (Annexure P-4) followed by another representation dated 27.06.2024 (Annexure P-5) to the official respondents, however, they had been in vain on account of the private respondents having the patronage of some high-ups.

4. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that she would restrict her prayer and will be satisfied if appropriate directions are issued to the official respondents to look into her grievances and decide her representations dated 25.05.2024 and 27.06.2024 (Annexure P-4 and P-5 respectively) expeditiously.

5. Notice of motion to the official respondents.

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

7. In the wake of the limited prayer of the petitioner, the petition is disposed of and respondent No.3 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala is directed to look into her grievance and take



appropriate steps, if any required, under the provisions of law. However, if respondent No.3 does not find the commission of any cognizable offence as alleged or any substance in the allegations levelled in the representations dated 25.05.2024 and 27.06.2024 (Annexure P-4 and P-5 respectively) then the petitioner shall be duly informed as per the parameters laid down by the Supreme Court in *Lalita Kumari v. Government of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.* 2013 (4) RCR (Criminal) 979.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No