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now he is a danger to the life of the petitioner and her family members as he is constantly attacking the petitioner in an attempt to take her life for not withdrawing the case she has filed against him. Respondent No.4 is threatening, abusing and misbehaving with the petitioner and her family members and extended threats to them and since there are only ladies in the family of the petitioner, they are always endangered that respondent No.4 can harm them at any time.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has handed over a pen drive in which respondent No.4 was seeing threatening and abusing the petitioner. The pen drive has been submitted as a proof to the jurisdictional police authorities but no action has been taken. Thereafter, the petitioner has approached respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla.

He further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 17.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) submitted by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab, puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State and copy of the petition has been supplied in the Court.

The learned State counsel submits that it is the duty of the police authorities to ensure the safety of the victim who is also a prosecution witness in the trial pending in the FIR (*supra*) and State is under obligation to protect the life and liberty of every citizen.

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Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 17.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) submitted by the petitioner and take appropriate steps including grant of any protection to the petitioner in view of the apprehension, if any, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

22.10.2024*Neha*

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