



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

CRWP-13169-2025

Date of decision: 08.12.2025

RUKMAN RANI

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Bhawesh Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner who is primary eye-witness, at the hands of accused persons in FIR No.317 dated 14.11.2023 registered under Sections 302, 148, 149 of IPC and 25/27 of Arms Act (Annexure P-4) at Police Station Rama Mandi, District Jalandhar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is the primary eye-witness in the aforementioned FIR and the accused being influential persons are threatening the petitioner for her false implication in fresh cases, if she would appear as witness in the said FIR. Learned counsel submitted that the petitioner has also moved a representation dated 28.10.2025 to respondent No.4-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar but no action has been taken so far.

3. Upon advance notice, learned State counsel appeared and submitted that the petitioner can exhaust remedies as per the provisions of Witness Protection Scheme, 2018.

4. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the present petition stands disposed of with liberty to the petitioner, to exhaust her remedies under the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018.

December 08, 2025

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |