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

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**CRWP-4736-2026 (O&M)
Decided on: 28.04.2026**

RUKMANI RANI

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Ramneek Singh, Advocate and
Mr. Mohit Kakkar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the official respondent(s) to protect her life and liberty from the accused in FIR no.317 dated 14.11.2023 registered under Sections 302, 148, 149 IPC, 1860 and Sections 25, 27 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Rama Mandir, District Jalandhar

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the accused in aforementioned FIR have been extending threats to the petitioner, of implicating her in false cases under NDPS Act as the petitioner is a prime eye witness in the aforesaid FIR. It is further contended that the accused persons are influential persons having links with politicians and as such, in connivance with the police officials, they have been harassing and



threatening the petitioner. As a result, petitioner is unable to appear before the trial Court to depose against them. The intention of the accused persons is to have the petitioner declared, hostile witness.

3. In pursuance of advance notice, Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab has put in appearance on behalf of respondent-State and submitted that the petitioner may approach the concerned authority dealing with Punjab Witness Protection Scheme, 2025 (formulated in conformity with guidelines laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Mahendra Chawla Vs. UOI, (2019) 14 SCC 615**) which provides for comprehensive security to witnesses in serious criminal cases.

4. Heard.

5. On this, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the present petition with liberty to avail alternate remedy by way of moving an application/ representation before the concerned authority/ Committee dealing with Punjab Witness Protection Scheme, 2025.

6. Permitted to do so.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed, as withdrawn, with liberty aforesaid.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

28.04.2026

Sonia Puri

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO