

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

CRM-M-8192-2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.07.2017

RANJANA CHAUDHARY AND OTHERS

... Petitioners

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH.

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

KULDIP SINGH, J (ORAL)

Learned State counsel has filed the reply affirming that the petitioner No. 1 has misrepresented her age before this Court for which notice under Section 340 Cr.P.C. and proceedings under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 was initiated. Learned State Counsel has also produced a copy of the challan showing that an FIR No. 44 dated 21.04.2017 under Sections 363, 366, 376, 506 of Indian Penal Code and under Section 6 of the Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, (POCSO Act), 2012 was registered against the petitioner No. 2 and that the challan in the said case has been presented.

I am of the view that since petitioner No. 2 has been challaned and is being prosecuted, this will act a sufficient deterrent for him for filing of false documents before this Court. Therefore, the proceedings before this Court under Section 340 Cr.P.C. and under Section 6 of the Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), 2012 are hereby ordered to be dropped.

In view thereof, the present petition is accordingly disposed of.

July 13, 2017

Suresh Kumar

(KULDIP SINGH)

JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes / No

Whether Reportable : Yes / No