IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-31510-2019
Date of decision: 26.11.2019

Muskan and another **.....Petitioners.**

vs.

State of Punjab and others **.....Respondents.**

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Petitioners in person with Mr. Sandeep K. Katik, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Ms. Suman Kumari, Advocate for respondent No. 4.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

This writ petition was filed seeking a direction to the police authorities of the State of Punjab, to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners from respondents No. 4 to 6, the relations of the first petitioner, Muskan.

When this matter was taken up for hearing on 20.11.2019, Ms. Suman Kumari, learned counsel, entered appearance for the fourth respondent, the mother of the first petitioner, Muskan. Upon interacting with the first petitioner, her mother and her sister, who is not a party to this writ petition, this Court found that the first petitioner, Muskan, aged about 16 years 10 months was unwilling to return to her parental home. She was accordingly sent to Nari Niketan, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, informed this Court that a FIR had already been registered against

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the second petitioner, Mandeep Singh, on the basis of the complaint lodged by the fourth respondent, in relation to the missing girl, the first petitioner.

Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the first petitioner, Muskan, was produced by the authorities of Nari Niketan, Sector 26, Chandigarh. During the in *camera* interaction, Muskan, and her mother, Pinki Rani, the first petitioner stated that she would like to return to her mother's house. She further stated that she had left home without any pressure being exerted upon her by the second petitioner, Mandeep Singh.

As the first petitioner, Muskan, now seeks to return to her parental home, the cause in this writ petition no longer survives for consideration on merits.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. Necessary formalities shall be completed by the Nari Niketan, Sector 26, Chandigarh, today itself and the custody of the first petitioner, Muskan, shall be handed over to her mother, the fourth respondent.

No order as to costs.

A copy of this order shall be given to Lady Head Constable, Surinder Kaur (2068), Police Lines, Sector 26, Chandigarh, under the signature of the Bench Secretary, for compliance.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
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