

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

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**CRM-W-834-835-2020 in/and
CRWP-6163-20120
Decided on : 24.09.2020**

Rachna @ Kiran and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Gautam Kaile, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through
video conferencing, as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalialia, J. (Oral)

In compliance to the order dated 20.08.2020, short reply by way of affidavit of Mr. Mohit Handa, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police dated 21.09.2020 has been filed. In the said affidavit it has been averred that FIR No.64 dated 13.09.2020 under Sections 9, 10 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 at Police Station Mansa Devi Complex, Panchkula (Annexure D-1) has been registered against Pandit Ramesh Sharma (Sanskarkrta) of Prachin Shiv Mandir, Panchkula.

Counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioner No.2 has been arrested in pursuance of the said FIR.

Admittedly, the same is on account of the fact that the petitioner No.1 is a minor and yet to complete 18 years, as the marriage was performed on 17.08.2020. It is always open to the said petitioner to avail his alternative remedy in accordance with law, for his release.

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The petitioners have already filed applications i.e. CRM-W-834-835-2020 for preponing and withdrawal of the present petition. Keeping in view the above the applications are allowed and main case is preponed to today itself and accordingly, the main petition is also dismissed as withdrawn.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No