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

CRM-M-3053-2022

Date of Decision: 28.01.2022

(Heard through VC)

BHAJAN SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Arpandeeep Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 4 to release the minor daughter of the petitioner, namely, Manpreet Kaur, who is currently residing at Nari Niketan as she has suffered a statement that she would like to go back to her parents.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Kuldeep Tiwari, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In brief the facts are that the petitioner's minor daughter, namely, Manpreet Kaur had filed a petition i.e. CRWP-58-2022 titled as *Aakashdeep and another Versus State of Haryana and others*, which

marriage was opposed by her parents. This Court, while disposing of the said petition, had directed the petitioners to present themselves before the Illaqa Magistrate and get the statement recorded if she wanted to reside in the Nari Niketan till such time she attains majority.

Pursuant to the order, the minor girl was produced before the Illaqa Magistrate and had stated that she would like to reside in the Nari Niketan, consequent to which, she was sent to the State After Care Home Girls, Karnal.

It appears that now said Manpreet Kaur has expressed a desire to return home along with her mother and father as would be evident from Annexure P-3, dated 15.01.2022. In such a situation when the minor girl has expressed her desire to return back to her parental home, let her statement be recorded once again before the ACJM, Sirsa, regarding the genuine desire of said Manpreet Kaur to return to her parental home. If the said Court comes to the opinion that the statement is being given willingly and without any coercion by the parents, her custody may be handed over to her parents.

Consequently, the present petition stands disposed of.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

28.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No