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

CRWP-10729-2021

Date of Decision: 14.02.2022

RAJNI AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- None for the petitioners.

Mr. Vishal Malik, DAG, Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

It is submitted that petitioner No.1 is a minor, aged about 17 years, as on the date of filing of the petition with the date of birth being reflected as 03.12.2004. She and petitioner No.2 have decided to solemnize marriage with each other on petitioner No.1 attaining majority which decision was not agreeable to her family members. It has been stated that her parents were forcing her to get married to respondent No.7 who was a drunkard. Petitioner No.1 did not accept that forceful marriage and abandoned her house and started living with petitioner No.2.

In view of the above facts, the present writ petition came to be filed seeking protection.

Notice of motion was issued on 16.11.2021, on which date, counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State sought time to file reply while stating that petitioner No.1-girl was a minor and that a criminal case had already been registered against petitioner No.2 at the behest of the parents of petitioner No.1. The matter was listed for 23.11.2021, on which date, counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners sought time stating that the petitioners could not be contacted. On the adjourned date i.e. 08.02.2022, no one had put in appearance on behalf of the petitioners through the medium of video conferencing, consequently, the matter was adjourned for today i.e. 14.02.2022.

Today, no one has put in appearance on behalf of the petitioners.

Status report has already been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Learned State counsel would submit that efforts were made to contact the petitioners herein, which have proved to be futile. However, the statements of the parents have been recorded who have stated that they would not harass the petitioners in any manner whatsoever.

Consequently, since the matter is not being pursued, this petition is dismissed as such.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

14.02.2022

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