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ITEM No.303

Court No. 2

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(Civil) No.212/2003

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Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent (s)

[With Appln(s). for interim directions]

Date : 28/02/2005 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

When the matter was called out, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the Union of India produced before us a copy of the Bill known as the Prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004. The Bill is said to have been introduced in the Parliament. It is also stated that the objections have been invited from the general public by issuing public notice in this behalf in the News Papers on 28.2.2005 in terms whereof objections may be filed within 15 days therefrom. We, however, hope and trust that in the meantime the Collectors and SPs of all the Districts in the States shall make endeavour to prevent child marriages as far as possible and preferably in cases where mass marriages take place. In that view of the matter let the case be called out 8 weeks hence.

(Pawan Kumar) (Prem Prakash)
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