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

**CRWP NO. 871 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 04.08.2017**

Kanta

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Seena Mand, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been preferred for issuance of a writ in the nature of habeas corpus for releasing the alleged detenue Amanprit Kaur d/o Manjit Singh r/o village Puranpur, Tehsil and District Jalandhar, who is stated to be illegally detained at Nari Niketan, Jalandhar, against her wishes.

In response to the notice, reply has been filed in the form of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Adampur, District Jalandhar (Rural), wherein it is stated that the alleged detenue Amanprit Kaur had preferred an application to respondent No.3 that she was being harassed by her family members. She had also approached this Court by preferring CRM No.M-25059 of 2017 for protection of her life and liberty, which was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 14.07.2017 with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar, to look into her representation and take steps, if necessary, to protect her life and liberty.

In pursuance to the order of this Court passed on 14.07.2017, statement of Amanprit Kaur was recorded before SDM-I, Jalandhar, wherein she had stated that she does not want to live with her family members. It is also stated in the reply that as there is shortage of lady constables, it was deemed fit to send Amanprit Kaur to Nari Niketan, Jalandhar. SDM-I, Jalandhar had also directed the police officials to sent her to protective home Basti Guzan Jalandhar.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged detenue has been detained at Nari Niketan against her wishes and a responsible officer may be deputed to ascertain the wish of the alleged detenue and she be permitted to live at a place of her choice.

The suggestion of learned counsel for the petitioner appears to be fair. Therefore, the petition is disposed of with a direction to Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, Legal Services Authority, Jalandhar to visit the alleged detenue Amanprit Kaur at Nari Niketan, Jalandhar and provide her all necessary legal help and her will be ascertained and she be permitted to reside at a place of her choice as she is stated to be over 21 years of age.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

AUGUST 04, 2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes /	No
Whether reportable	:	Yes /	No