

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-147-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 14.2.2019

Ramji ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus, seeking release of his daughter Sarina, allegedly detained illegally by respondents No.4 to 8.
2. Pursuant to directions issued by this Court on 7.2.2019, a Warrant Officer was appointed to raid the premises in question and to get the alleged detainee released in case it is found that she was found illegally detained.
3. Report of Warrant Officer has been received wherein it has been reported that Sarina was found at the nominated premises. However, said Sarina stated that she is residing there out of her own sweet will and had married respondent No.4-Sanjiv Kumar. She also stated that

she had tampered with her birth certificate and Aadhar Card so as to show that she has attained the age of majority.

4. In view of the aforesaid statement wherein it is found that the detainee has not been forcibly detained by the private respondents, no further direction is required to be issued in this Habeas Corpus petition and as such, the petition is dismissed. However, the petitioner would be at liberty to have recourse to his civil and criminal remedies as regards the marriage of Sarina and Sanjiv Kumar, in case it is found to be an illegal marriage or for commission of any other wrong/offence.

February 14, 2019

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No