

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

CRWP-5309-2020

Date of decision: 5.8.2020

Balwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr.Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr.Mehardeep Singh, Addl.AG, Punjab

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Prayer in the present petition is for directing respondent Nos. 2 to 4 to get detenue Gurpreet Kaur @ Neeu daughter of the petitioner released, who has been detained by respondent Nos. 5 to 13.

While issuing notice of motion on 27.7.2020, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

Notice of motion for 05.08.2020.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 4. He states that investigating Officer had gone to the residence of respondent Nos. 5 to 11 for recording the statement of alleged detenue Gurpreet Kaur @ Neetu. She has made a statement that she is residing with them

with her own free will.

However, to satisfy the conscience of the Court, another statement of detainee be recorded by the District Women and Child Welfare Officer, concerned.

In the meantime, the State counsel will ensure that no threat or harassment is caused to the private respondents at the hands of petitioner.”

In pursuance of order dated 27.7.2020, learned State has produced the statement of alleged detainee Gurpreet Kaur @ Neetu by way of her affidavit, which is taken on record as Mark 'A'. As per the said statement, she is major and residing with her friend with her own free will.

In view of the above, the present petition stands dismissed.

5.8.2020
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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?	Yes	/	No
Whether reportable?	Yes	/	No