

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

129 - CRWP-4981-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 07.06.2021

Poonam Mahant Chela Shabnam Mahant

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Ms. Anupam Bhanot, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. HS Sitta, AAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The present criminal writ petition has been filed by the petitioner Poonam Mahant Chela Shabnam Mahant, *inter alia* with a prayer to issue a writ of *Habeas Corpus* directing respondents No.1 to 4 to immediately get the detenue Chella Nandni released who is alleged to be in the illegal detention of respondent No.5.

This Court on 31.05.2021 had appointed Warrant Officer to visit the place and get the detenue released and the case was adjourned for today to await the report of the Warrant Officer.

Pursuant thereto, the Warrant Officer appointed by this Court has submitted the report dated 02.06.2021, the operative part of which reads as under:-

...All the rooms of the said house as well as the burial ground (situated in front of the above-said house) were searched but Nandni Chella, detenue (follower of the petitioner) was not found there..." "....In the meantime, a phone call was received by Tanu Mahant from Poonam Mahant (petitioner) that detenues namely Sonia Chella and Nandni Chella are sitting near Jain

Petrol Pump at Rajpura Road, Thereafter, the undersigned along with police party as well as Tanu Mahant reached at the site. Where we found that both the detenues were sitting alone and not guarded by anyone at the time of visit. Both the detenues brought to the police station, Kotwali, Patiala.”

The report further states that the Warrant Officer recorded the statements of both the detenues were thereafter sent with Tanu Mahant (chella of the petitioner).

In this view of the matter, no further orders are called for in the present petition and the same is disposed of. The report of the Warrant Officer is taken on record and is made part of the file.

07.06.2021

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No