

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

**CRWP No.84 of 2022
Date of Decision: 06.01.2022**

Boota Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.
(Through Video Conferencing)

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

A father of a minor girl has come up before this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking directions for releasing his daughter from illegal and unlawful custody of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

2. A perusal of the petition reveals that the girl is minor, her date of birth is being 06.09.2004.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions received from ASI Rajpal Singh, submits that an FIR has already been registered against the accused and search is on to trace the minor girl.

4. Given above, this petition is disposed of and respondent Nos.2 & 3 are directed to make all out efforts to trace the minor girl and once she is traced, to produce her before the concerned Judicial Magistrate for recording of statement under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C.

5. After recording of the judicial statement under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C. and interacting with the minor girl the concerned Judicial Magistrate shall decide whether the minor has to be sent to her parents or she has to be sent to any Child Protection Home till she attains the majority.

6. *There would be no need for a certified copy of this order for furnishing bonds. Any Advocate for the petitioner(s) can download this order along with the case status from the official web page of this Court and attest it to be a true copy. The Prosecutor shall also verify the downloaded copy by comparing it from the official web page. In case the attesting officer or the Court wants to verify the authenticity, such an officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for attesting bonds.*

7. The petition is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

**(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE**

06.01.2022/Bhumika

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether reportable: **No.**