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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-2672-2023
DECIDED ON: 22nd MAY, 2023

RAJ KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Ms. Babita, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been invoked for issuance of a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus for the release of the detainee namely Ankita, who is stated to be detained illegally and forcibly by respondent No.4.

2. Vide order dated 19.05.2023, learned State counsel was directed to produce the alleged detainee in the Court, considering the age of the petitioner, who is 15 years of age, which is not even of marriageable age, as stipulated in the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

3. During the hearing of this case, mediation was conducted by this Court in an open Court and interaction was made with the alleged detainee in the presence of petitioner, who is father of the alleged detainee.

4. After having the deliberation, the alleged detainee namely Ankita is ready and willing to go alongwith her father (petitioner) at this

stage from the Court itself.

5. In the light of above, as the alleged detainee has shown her willingness without any coercion, fear or undue influence to accompany with her father from the Court itself, the present petition is disposed of in the afore-said terms.

6. Ordered accordingly.

22nd MAY, 2023
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>