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

**Criminal Writ Petition No. 11891 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.12.2023**

Harmanjot Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Varinder Singh Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus as also directions to respondent Nos. 2 to 4 for search and produce the minor daughter of petitioner, namely, Aishleen Kaur.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner informs that a separate petition under Section 25 read with Section 12 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 and Sections 6 & 13 of Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, for the custody of minor daughter is already subjudice before the Court of Principal Judge, Family Court, Rupnagar; however, the proceedings are not being expedited and thus, prayer is for issuance of directions to the said Family Court to expedite the course of proceedings pending before it.

[3] I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

[4] Considering the fact that the present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and the matter relates to custody of a minor girl child aged about 3–3½ years, which is pending

before the Court of Principal Judge, Family Court, Rupnagar in petition No. GW/13/2023, titled “*Harmanjot Kaur Versus Gurpreet Singh*” rather than compelling the petitioner to file another petition invoking powers under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, request is extended to Principal Judge, Family Court, Rupnagar, to expedite the proceedings in the aforementioned petition.

[5] The petition is **disposed off**.

December 13, 2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>