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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8064-2024

Date of Decision: 30.08.2024

Bhunda Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus**State of Punjab and Others**

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Angrej Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(oral)

1. Petitioner Bhunda Singh has filed criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus, directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to release detainee namely Preet Kaur (minor), age 12 years, from illegal detention of respondents No. 4 to 11.

2. Status report dated 29.08.2024 received, according to which FIR No. 87 dated 04.08.2024 under Section 137(2) and 96 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 has been registered on the statement of petitioner Bhunda Singh where he alleged that his daughter got missing at about 11:30 pm on 02.08.2024. During investigation, alleged detainee has been recovered by Investigating Officer on 22.08.2024. She was medically examined. Alleged detainee was not willing to accompany petitioner and therefore she was sent to State After Care Home, Amritsar by Child Welfare Committee, Amritsar on the same day. Statement of alleged

detenue has been recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. where she categorically stated that she was friendly with respondent No. 4 Sonu Singh and resided in his house for 20 days. She further claimed that she solemnized marriage with him, which is not acceptable to her parents.

3. I have considered the status report. Alleged detenue has been recovered and she has been sent to State After Care Home, Amritsar. On the statement of petitioner, FIR No. 87 dated 04.08.2024 (supra) has been registered in which investigation is going on. In the light of status report, present criminal writ petition for Habeas Corpus has rendered infructuous and is accordingly, disposed of.

4. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No