



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

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CRWP-286-2025**Date of Decision: 22.05.2025**

Gaurav Sood

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Nitesh Sanghi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate, for respondent Nos.4 to 8.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of Habeas-Corpus, for releasing the minor detenues namely Harika Sood, age about 8 years and Hanika Sood, aged about 4 years (minor daughters of the petitioner) from the illegal custody and detention of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for withdrawal of the present petition with liberty to file a fresh one, in accordance with law, as per the Guardian and Wards Act, before an appropriate forum, however, fresh direction is sought to decide the same within a specific time period.

3. On the basis of the statement made by learned counsel for the petitioner, instant Habeas Corpus petition is ordered to be dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to file a petition under the Guardian and Wards Act



or any other statute before an appropriate forum, wherever, it is maintainable.

In case, any such petition is filed by the petitioner, same would be decided within a period of eight months from the date of its filing by granting maximum three effective opportunities to each of the side for leading evidence in that regard. The petitioner is the father of the minor daughters who are about the age of eight and four years, respectively and the children would not be stopped for having at least two hours meeting on every Saturday and Sunday, till any such petition is decided by the Court concerned.

4. If any kind of obstruction is caused by respondent No.4 or by any of her family members in allowing the meeting of father with the daughters, it would be open for the petitioner to move an appropriate application in the instant petition or where the custody petition is filed to seek interim custody of the children.

5. In view of the aforementioned terms, the present petition is disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 22, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No