



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2079-2025

Decided on : 07.03.2025

Usha Devi

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

UT of Chandigarh and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Suksham Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Addl. PP, UT Chandigarh.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. In the present *Habeas Corpus* petition, on 01.03.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. *Petitioner - Usha Devi has filed instant habeas corpus petition to search out her minor daughter, who is suspected to be in the illegal custody of respondent Nos.2 to 5.*

2. *Counsel for the petitioner submits that an FIR No.0019 dated 18.02.2025 under Section 137(2) of BNS, 2023 has already been registered at Police Station Sarangpur, Chandigarh, by the petitioner - Usha Devi.*

3. *Notice of motion.*

4. *On advance notice, Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Addl. PP, UT, Chandigarh, puts an appearance on behalf of the respondent/State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

5. *List again on 07.03.2025.*

6. *Let a status report be filed regarding the investigation and the efforts made by the police to locate the minor daughter of the petitioner.*

7. *However, it is clarified that if the detainee is located, required statement of her would be recorded immediately, by ensuring that it is done without any pressure or undue influence from any person.*

After recording of the statement, if it is found that detainee is minor, then, her custody would be handed over to her mother or to the Nari Niketan of the concerned area, as per option of the alleged detainee.”

2. Learned Addl. PP, UT Chandigarh, informs the Court that the detainee ‘Monika’ (aged 17 ½ years) has already been handed-over to the



petitioner, after her recovery on 06.03.2025. Thus, he prays for disposal of the present *Habeas Corpus* petition, as infructuous.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner confirms the statement made by the learned Addl. PP, UT Chandigarh, in Court today and submits that the present petition has been rendered infructuous and may be disposed of as such.

4. In view of the above, the present *Habeas Corpus* petition stands disposed of as infructuous.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 07, 2025

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*