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

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CRWP-2553-2026 (O&M)**Decided on: 20.03.2026****VANDANA****.....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS****.....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA**

Present: Ms. Mala Rani, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh Pannu, Addl. A.G., Haryana
alongwith ASI-Surender Kumar.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Advocate for respondent Nos.4 to 8.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of *Habeas Corpus* and for appointment of a Warrant Officer to search for detainee namely Shikha, aged 17 years, the daughter of the petitioner, at the premises of respondents No.4 to 7 and get her released from their illegal custody.

2. Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Advocate has filed *Vakalatnama* on behalf of respondents No.4 to 8 in Court today which is taken on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the detainee namely, Shikha is a minor and is aged about 17 years as her date of birth is 01.10.2008 and in support of his contention, learned counsel has produced original matriculation certificate in Court.



4. The alleged detainee, namely, Shikha, is present in person in Court today and she has been interacted with in open Court itself. On asking by this Court, she stated that her date of birth is 01.10.2005 as per birth certificate issued by Primary Health Centre Kalanaur issued under Section 12/17 of the Registration of Births & Deaths Act, 1969, however, in the matriculation certificate, her date of birth is mentioned as 01.10.2008 which is not correct & her actual date of birth is 01.10.2005; being a major, she has married respondent No.4 out of her own sweet will. She also stated that she has voluntarily made her statement before this Court which is without any undue pressure or coercion.

5. Learned counsel for the State has produced birth certificate issued by Primary Health Centre Kalanaur issued under Section 12/17 of the Registration of Births & Deaths Act, 1969 whereby the petitioner is stated to be born on 01.10.2005 and as such, she has attained the age of majority.

6. On oral request made on behalf of the detainee, the original documents qua the detainee i.e. Matriculation certificate, 10+2 certificate alongwith other documents produced in Court are handed over to the detainee.

7. Keeping in view the statement made on behalf of the detainee that she has married with respondent No.4 out of her own will & wants to live with him and the documents produced before this Court by the learned counsel for the State in support of the fact that the alleged



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detenue has attained the age of majority, this Court finds no merit in the present petition and the same is hereby, dismissed.

8. The detenue, namely Shikha is at liberty to take necessary steps for corrections in her educational qualification certificate(s), in accordance with law.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

20.03.2026

Sonia Puri

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO

Whether Reportable: YES/NO