



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

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**CRWP-4087-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 21.05.2026.**

Gurmail Singh

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

In the present habeas corpus petition filed by petitioner-Gurmail Singh (father of detainee), on 09.04.2026, following was recorded:-

“1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ in the nature of habeas corpus, to search for the detainee namely Harpreet Kaur d/o Gurmail Singh, aged about 17 years and 3 months (at the time of her missing, she was 14 years and 7 months of age), at the premises of respondent Nos.5 to 11, or at any other place to be pointed out by the petitioner at the spot.

Further prayer has been sought for issuance of direction to the respondents to produce the minor daughter (detainee) of the petitioner before this Court, and set her at liberty from illegal custody as there is imminent threat to her life.

2. Counsel for the petitioner contends that already FIR No.0055 dated 06.09.2023 under sections 363 and 366-A of IPC was registered at Police Station Sehna, District Barnala. However, till date, no concrete steps have been taken by the police to recover the detainee.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On advance notice, Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab, puts an appearance on behalf of the respondent/State.
 5. List again on 23.04.2026.
 6. To be shown in the urgent list.
 7. Let status report be filed by the State, detailing therein the status of investigation in the FIR (supra).”
2. SI/SHO Renu, Police Station Sehna, present in Court, has done a commendable job by searching out the detenue with the help of her associates and succeeded in producing the detenue with a minor child in her lap in Court today. As per information given by the police officer that detenue is still minor and the boy, in whose forcible custody she was found, has already been arrested and presently he is in police custody. It is also informed that minor child, aged 04 months, has also taken birth to the minor detenue and it appears she needs immediate protection and police officer, present in Court, ensures that detenue would be handed over to her father-Gurmail Singh (petitioner herein) subject to the concurrence of the detenue. Meanwhile, she would be got admitted in Nari Niketan Ashram, Jalandhar.
3. Since no cause of action survives in regard to the release of detenue, petition stands disposed of with liberty to the petitioner that if it is chosen, let the situation be examined and appropriate steps, if any required, be taken as per law.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

21.05.2026
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/ No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No