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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 1281/2026**
SUNITA CHAUHANPetitioner
Through: **Mr. Samman Vardhan Gautam,**
Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: **Mr. Sanjay Lao, Standing**
Counsel (Crl) with Mr. Abhinav
Kr. Arya, Mr. Aryan Sachdeva,
Advs. for the State.
SI Narendra Kumar, PS Maiden
Garhi.
Ms. Archana Gaur, CGSC with
Ms. Ridhima Gaur, Mr. Deepu
Kumar, Advs. for UoI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA

ORDER

% **23.04.2026**

CRL.M.A. 12369/2026

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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2. This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 [BNSS], seeking issuance of a Writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus for production of Ms. XXX before this Court.

3. Pursuant to our order dated 21.04.2026, Ms. XXX has appeared



before us virtually. We have interacted with her and, in fact, even tried to counsel her, however, she maintains that she has gone with respondent no. 7 out of her free will and volition, and wishes to continue residing with him.

4. As Ms. XXX is a major, she is entitled to decide where she wishes to reside.

5. In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed in the present petition, the same is disposed of.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J

APRIL 23, 2026/gs/sk/Yg