

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

CRWP-2834-2024
Date of Decision: 29.03.2024

SARWAN SINGH

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: None for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant Criminal Writ petition has been filed for seeking appointment of a Warrant Officer and for directions to respondents No.1 to 4 to find out and to secure release of the detenu- Navneet Kaur i.e. daughter of the petitioner Sarwan Singh from illegal detention of respondents No.5 to 7.
2. The petition came up for hearing on 28.03.2024, wherein notice was issued and State was directed to call for a status report from respondents No.2 to 4.
3. Notice to private respondents, however, could not be issued for want of process fee.
4. Status report in the form of short reply by way of affidavit of Gurinderbir Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, East, Amritsar has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 wherein it has been submitted that the alleged detenu-Navneet Kaur was more than 18 years since her date of birth was 02.01.2006 as per the School record. On receipt of

the complaint about missing of Navneet Kaur and an enquiry has been conducted by ASI Sukhdev Singh who visited the house of respondents No.5 to 7 where Onkar Singh was found present. A statement was recorded to the effect that Navneet Kaur and respondent No.5-Gurpreet Singh had an affair with each other for about 01 year and they used to meet with each other. They have solemnized marriage with each other. It was reported that Navneet Kaur is major and that she had gone with Gurpreet Singh out of her own free will. It has been furnished that a missing report vide General Diary No. 41 dated 28.03.2024 had been registered at Police Station Maqboolpura, Amritsar and a notice vide No.475-5E dated 28.03.2004 has been issued to trace the whereabouts of Navneet Kaur who is gone with respondent No.5-Gurpreet Singh.

5. In view of the report submitted by the respondent-State pursuant to the order passed by this Court, there is no ground before this Court to assume that Navneet Kaur is in illegal custody, detention or having been confined forcibly and without her will. Further, there does not seem to be any imminent threat to the detenu-Navneet Kaur who is a major and as per the statement of Onkar Singh-brother of respondent No.5-Gurpreet Singh who solemnized marriage with Navneet Kaur.

6. In view of the above said report, no further directions are required to be issued in the present case. The same is accordingly dismissed at this stage.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MARCH 29, 2024

Vishal sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No