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

CRWP-9310-2025

DATE OF DECISION: 26.08.2025

MANJEET KAUR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: - Mr. Parveen Kumar Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Gurcharan S. Rai, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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SUMEET GOEL, J (ORAL)

The substantive prayer made in the petition reads thus:-

“a. Issue a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus directing the respondents to release the detenue, namely, Gurfateh Singh son of Late Sh. Gurtej Singh (Minor, aged less than 4 years) from the illegal custody of Respondent No.5; and further for appointment of Warrant Officer in this regard; b. Issue a writ of mandamus thereby directing the respondents to hand over the custody of detenue/minor child to the petitioner being natural and legal guardian of the detenue/minor child under Section 6 of The Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956.”

After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied, for the nonce, if the interim application (filed by the petitioner for interim custody of the minor child in question), pending adjudication before the concerned Family Court, is directed to be decided in an expeditious manner.



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Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and on perusal of the record, especially keeping in view the fact that the petition under the Guardian and Wards Act was filed sometime in October 2024, and the application for interim custody of the minor child has not been decided till date, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition by directing the concerned Family Court to decide the said application within a period of four weeks from today. Since the next date of hearing fixed before the concerned Family Court is 08.10.2025, the Family Court shall be at liberty to prepone the date of hearing of the case after giving notice to all concerned.

Petitions stands disposed of with above terms.

26.08.2025

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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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