

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

D.B. Habeas Corpus Petition No. 66/2026

Satpal Singh S/o Shri Kheta Singh, Aged About 48 Years,
Resident Of Ward No. 10, 30 Ptp, Pratappura, Tehsil Sadulshahr,
District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.

----Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through Home Secretary,
Ministry Of Home Affairs, Government Of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.
2. The Superintendent Of Police, District Sri Ganganagar
Rajasthan.
3. The Station House Officer, Police Station, Sadulshahar,
District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.
4. Gurjeet Singh S/o Shri Chhinder Singh, Resident Of 6
S.t.b., Sukhchainpura, Tehsil Sri Vijaynagar, District Sri
Ganganagar Rajasthan.

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Anil Kumar Mr. Trilok Joshi
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Deepak Choudhary, AAG Mr. Ashok Kumar Mr. Raj Kumar, SI and Ms. Priyanka, Constable Police Station-Sadulshahar (Sri Ganganagar)

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YOGENDRA KUMAR PUROHIT**

Order

23/02/2026

1. A distraught father is before this Court, earnestly pleading that his daughter, who is all of 18 years, seems to have made a wrong decision in her life to have chosen her partner, who is 32-33 years old (Respondent No. 4). Thus, he filed the present petition seeking writ in the nature of habeas corpus, alleging that his daughter is under illegal detention at the hands of private Respondent No. 4.

2. Notice was issued and pursuant thereto, whereabouts of the daughter of the petitioner were ascertained and a report dated 22.02.2026 has been filed. English translation of the relevant paras thereof reads as under:

During the course of investigation, ASI Shri Kulwant Singh recorded the statements of the complainant Shri Kheta Singh and the father of the missing girl, Shri Satpal Singh. On 31.12.2025, Shri Shishram, SI and Incharge of the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, reached City Police Station Kotkapura, Punjab, where the missing girl Anmolpreet Kaur was traced and recovered. A recovery memo was prepared, and her statement was recorded in the presence of Smt. Krishna. The missing girl produced an affidavit, Aadhaar card, birth certificate, and marriage-related documents, which were examined and taken on record as part of the investigation file. Upon investigation, it was found that Anmolpreet Kaur is a major and stated that she had voluntarily gone with Gurjeet Singh and was residing with him of her own free will. Accordingly, she was handed over to Gurjeet Singh through a formal custody memo. At present, she is residing with Gurjeet Singh, son of Chhindar Singh, caste Jat Sikh, aged 32 years, resident of 6 STBB, Police Station Sameja Kothi, District Sri Ganganagar, presently residing near Bus Stand, Kotkapura, District Faridkot, Punjab, and both are living together as husband and wife. The date of birth of Anmolpreet Kaur was verified from the record of Bal Bharti School, Sadulshahar, which shows her date of birth as 28.09.2007, thereby establishing that she is a major. The school record has been placed on record in the investigation file.

From the statements of witnesses recorded during investigation, it was revealed that Anmolpreet Kaur, daughter of Satpal Singh, caste Jat Sikh, aged 18 years and 3 months, resident of Pratap Pura, Police Station Sadulshahar, District Sri Ganganagar, had studied up to Class 12 at Bal Bharti School, Sadulshahar. About two years ago, she had accompanied her grandmother, Chhindar Pal Kaur, to Usha Bansal Nursing Home, Muktsar, Punjab, for medical treatment, where she became acquainted with Gurjeet Singh, son of Chhindar Singh, caste Jat Sikh, resident of 6 STBB, Tehsil Vijaynagar. Thereafter, they remained in contact through phone conversations. After attaining majority, on 03.12.2025, she voluntarily left her parental home, taking along her birth and identity documents. Subsequently, on 09.12.2025, she solemnized marriage with Gurjeet Singh of her own free will at a Gurudwara in Raisinghnagar. The investigation did not reveal that she had been enticed, coerced, or forcibly taken away by anyone. Being a major, she voluntarily went with and married Gurjeet Singh. Orders have already been obtained from the competent Circle Officer (Rural) for closure of the missing person inquiry.

3. The daughter of the petitioner as well as the petitioner himself along with his wife (mother) are present in the Court and so is Respondent No. 4 stating himself to be husband of the daughter of petitioner.

4. In the light of the aforesaid report, on a Court query posed to the daughter of the petitioner, it is borne out that she recently turned a major. She had left her parental home on her own volition to marry Respondent No. 4. Since she was fearful that, owing to their age gap, her parents do not approve of her relationship, she took the extreme step of leaving her parental home without informing anyone. Thus, resulting in the present proceedings.

5. In course of hearing, she has shown her disinclination to go back to her parental house. She firmly states that since she is now legally married to Respondent No. 4, she is entitled to live her life in the manner she so wishes.

6. In the peculiar premise, since it is borne out that the alleged detinue is not only a major, but has also got married in accordance with law, as well as is not under any illegal confinement of anybody, either at the instance of Respondent No. 4 or in his hands, the writ proceedings initiated by the father do not warrant any further interference.

7. Accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of and parties are left to resolve their differences in the manner they may choose to do so.

(YOGENDRA KUMAR PUROHIT),J

(ARUN MONGA),J