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WP-36025-2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE ALPESH Y. KOGJE,
CHIEF JUSTICE

&

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE VIVEK RUSIA

ON THE 17th OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

WRIT PETITION No. 36025 of 2026

ASHOK PATEL

Versus

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Aseem Dixit - Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri Rajvardhan Dutt Pararha - Government Advocate for the respondent/State.

Ms. Nirmala Nayak - Advocate as a Mediator.
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ORDER

Per. Vivek Rusia, Judge

The corpus has been produced before this Court by Shri Karan Singh Markam, Assistant Sub Inspector and Ms. Neelam Thakur, Lady Constable-1613, Police Station Gopalganj, District Sagar.

2. This petition is filed by the petitioner seeking writ in the nature of habeas corpus for production of her minor daughter aged about 14 years. According to the petitioner, date of birth of the corpus is 21.10.2011, and she was missing since 27.07.2026. An FIR was registered at Crime No.335/2026, Police Station Gopalganj, District Sagar against unknown person.

3. Today, the corpus has been produced before us. Initially, she was



not willing to go alongwith her parents, but after mediation and conciliation between them with the help of Ms. Nirmala Nayak, a trained Mediator, she agreed to go alongwith her parents. She has as apprehension that the petitioner will pressurize her for marriage before attaining her age of 18 years. The petitioner is also present before this Court. Therefore, we warn the petitioner not to marry her before attaining the marriage age, and he will not restrain his daughter for pursuing further studies.

4. Ms. Neelam Thakur, Lady Constable, Police Station Gopalganj, District Sagar is appointed as 'Sakhi' of the corpus, who shall be in regular contact with her.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed of.

(ALPESH Y. KOGJE)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VIVEK RUSIA)
JUDGE

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