

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**  
**Sr. No.: 236**

**CRWP No.8883 of 2025**

CYPRIANO BRITTO                      Versus      STATE OF HARYANA AND  
OTHERS

**Present:-**      Mr. Kshitij Sharma, Advocate, with Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti, Advocate;      Ms. Tamanna Banwala, Advocate;      and Mr. Shubhkarman Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kran Veer Singh, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Alok Mittal, Advocate for respondent No.4.

Mr. Abhishek Sanghi, Advocate with Mr. Jitender Khurana, Advocate for respondent No.5.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, Advocate for respondent No.6-PGIMER.

In pursuance of last order dated 19.08.2025, the detenue has been produced.

Counselling of the minor child with regard to the custody issue be conducted. A counselling schedule shall be formulated and the same be communicated to learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned counsel for respondent No.4. The entire expenses of the counselling shall be borne by the petitioner.

Respondent No.6, i.e. The Director PGIMER, Chandigarh is directed to assess and take necessary steps in this regard keeping in view the purpose of this exercise only to the extent of determination of the custody matter between the parents i.e. petitioner and respondent No.4.

Respondent No.4 is directed to ensure the production of the minor girl before the counsellor on the date fixed as per counselling schedule.

The Counsellor so appointed by Respondent No.6 is directed to file its report, after completion of counselling of the child and, if required,

after interacting with parents of child, regarding her state of mind whether she can understand her well being to stay with her father or mother.

Learned counsel for respondent No.5 submits that no allegation or relief has been sought against respondent No.5, whereupon learned counsel for the petitioner stated that petition qua respondent No.5 be dismissed as withdrawn.

Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 09.09.2025. .

Copy of this order be given to learned counsel for the parties under the signatures of this Court Secretary.

**(SUBHAS MEHLA)**  
**JUDGE**

**August 25, 2025**  
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