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WP-19587-2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH  
AT INDORE

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PRANAY VERMA

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HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE JAI KUMAR PILLAI

ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE, 2026WRIT PETITION No. 19587 of 2026*RITESH KATARA**Versus**THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS*

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Appearance:

Shri Harshwardhan Singh Rathore, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Shri Aditya Garg, learned Govt. Advocate for the respondents/State.

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ORDER

*Per. Justice Pranay Verma*

1. This petition in the nature of habeas corpus petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been preferred by the petitioner who claims himself to be the husband of the corpus.

2. The petitioner submits that he had married the corpus but she has been illegally detained by the Police authorities. However it is observed that the petitioner himself is aged 20 years hence his alleged marriage with the corpus cannot be granted legal recognition.

3. In compliance of order dated 01.06.2026 the corpus has been produced by the learned counsel for the respondents/State. She has been so produced by lady Constable Ms. Kavita Bhatia and Thana Incharge, Khachrod Shri Dhan Singh. We have inquired from the corpus as regards her



wishes and she has stated that she wants to go with the petitioner. However the fact remains that the petitioner is not of a marriagable age, hence corpus cannot be permitted to be sent with him. However considering the fact that the corpus is major she certainly has a right to live as per her wishes and cannot be illegally detained by the Police authorities.

4. It is hence directed that the corpus would be free to reside as per her wishes but the same would not mean residing with the petitioner as the wife. It is further observed that the corpus would be escorted by the Police officers, who have brought her to the Court, to the place where she wishes to go.

5. With the aforesaid observation, the petition stands disposed off.

(PRANAY VERMA)  
V. JUDGE

(JAI KUMAR PILLAI)  
V. JUDGE

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