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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(CRL) 1318/2020

SINGHASAN SONA

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Osbert Khaling and Mr. Imsori
Amri, Advocates.

Versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Standing
Counsel (Crl.) for the State/R1
with Mr. Chaitanya Gosain,
Advocate.
SI Gunjan, AHTU, Crime Branch.
Mr. H.S. Phoolka, Senior Advocate
as amicus curiae with Ms.
Prabhsahay Kaur, Advocate.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.R. MIDHA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BRIJESH SETHI

ORDER

% **03.09.2020**

1. The hearing has been conducted through video conference.
2. The petitioner is seeking production of his minor daughter, Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya who is missing since 28th September, 2019 from Assam.
3. Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Standing Counsel (Crl.) for the State, submits that Crime Branch (AHTU) had traced Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya and she is present in the office of Crime Branch (AHTU)

through video conference. Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Standing Counsel (Crl.) for the State, further submits that the parents of the girl are unable to come to Delhi to take back Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya is staying at Nariniketan and she has been produced before Child Welfare Committee. Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya has expressed her desire to return back to her native place.

4. Mr. H.S. Phoolka, learned Senior Advocate, present before this Court submits that Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) shall provide the necessary assistance and financial help to Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya to enable her to return to her native place safely.

5. The competent officer of Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) shall contact DCP, Crime Branch (AHTU) to provide the necessary assistance to Gumoti Sona @ Sandhaya to return back to her native place safely.

6. Mr. H.S. Phoolka, learned Senior Advocate, further submits that the placement agencies under the guise of placement of the young girls, are indulging in human trafficking. It is further submitted that the guidelines have been laid down by this Court to be followed by the placement agencies but there is blatant violation thereof. It is further submitted that the directions be issued for the strict compliance of the directions issued by this Court. He further submits that he shall submit a note of submissions before the next date of hearing with advance copy to Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Standing Counsel (Crl.) for the State.

7. Mr. H.S. Phoolka, learned Senior Advocate, is appointed as amicus curiae in this matter and he is permitted to file the note of submissions which shall be considered on the next date of hearing.

8. List on 15th September, 2020.

9. The order be uploaded on the website of this Court forthwith.

J.R. MIDHA, J.

BRIJESH SETHI, J.

SEPTEMBER 03, 2020
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