

ITEM NO.27

COURT NO.4

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Criminal) No.226/2020

SHANTI PRASANN DEV SHARMA @ VIMAL SHARMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF HARYANA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With IA No.78536/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.38436/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.78536/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 11-04-2022 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Avdesh Kr. Singh, Adv.
Mr. Prabodh Kumar, AOR

For Respondent(s) Mr. Nikhil Goel, AAG
Dr. Monika Gusain, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

- 1 Invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution, the petitioner has sought a writ of *habeas corpus* to the respondents to search out his niece, Priyambada Sharma @ Vandana who could not be traced despite complaints being lodged with the police at Palwal, Haryana.

- 2 During the course of these proceedings, several orders have been passed by this Court, *inter alia*, on 11 December 2021, 28 January 2022, 25 February 2022 and 21 March 2022. By the order of this Court dated 11 December 2021, this Court directed that the investigation be monitored under the authority of the Superintendent of Police, Palwal, who was directed to constitute a team to carry out proper investigation.
- 3 Three status reports have been placed on the record, the last of them being dated 17 March 2022, indicating the steps which have been taken during the course of the investigation.
- 4 In the above backdrop, we direct that the further investigation may continue and on the conclusion of the investigation, a final report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure be filed before the Court of competent jurisdiction. In the event that it becomes necessary for the petitioner to do so, the petitioner would be at liberty to file a protest petition before the competent court which shall be taken note of and dealt with in accordance with law.
- 5 Subject to the aforesaid directions, the Petition is disposed of.
- 6 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
A.R. - cum - P.S.

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
Court Master