



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
HABEAS CORPUS WRIT PETITION No. - 896 of 2025

Sunita Minor And Another

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 8 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Subhash Chandra Mishra
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 85

HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. Learned A.G.A. prays for and is granted two weeks' time to obtain instructions and ensure the production of the minor corpus before this Court on the next date of hearing.

2. Put up this matter on 04.11.2025 as fresh.

October 6, 2025
A. Tripathi

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Court No. - 88

HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. In compliance with the order dated 6.10.2025, the corpus has been produced before this Court.
2. Due to paucity of time, the matter could not be taken up.
3. Put up on 11.11.2025 as fresh.
4. On the next date of hearing, the corpus shall remain present before this Court.

November 4, 2025
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HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. In compliance with the Court's order, the corpus has been produced before the Court.
2. Upon interaction with the parties, the Court is of the view that some time may be granted to the parties to arrive at a logical conclusion.
3. Put up this case as fresh on 19.11.2025.

November 11, 2025
Anil K. Sharma

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HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. On the last date of hearing, the Court observed that the corpus requires a sustained training programme for the upgradation of her skills, along with motivational sessions and counselling by a qualified psychologist, so that she may be able to take an informed and appropriate decision regarding her future. Accordingly, the District Probation Officer is directed to appear in person before this Court along with the Individual Care Plan, and other documents.

2. Put up this case as fresh on 21.11.2025.

November 19, 2025
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HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. In compliance with the order dated 19.11.2025, Shri Sarvajeet Singh, District Probation Officer, has appeared in person before this Court. His personal appearance is duly recorded.
2. The Officer prays for and is granted time to go through the recent Government Notification No. 371/Writ/ॐ:-पु-3-2025-1973397, issued by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, whereby the requirement of mentioning caste in official documents has been dispensed with.
3. The Court further directs the District Probation Officer to take proper instructions from the Secretary, Child Welfare Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, in this regard.
4. Put up this matter on 26.11.2025 as fresh at 12:30 p.m.

November 21, 2025

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HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. In compliance with the order dated 19.11.2025, instructions have been received from the Directorate of Women Welfare.
2. Upon perusal of the said instructions, it is observed that there is no specific direction to the department to mention the caste and religion of the minors kept at the Rajkiya Balgrih (Balika), besides other instructions with respect to the order dated 16.9.2025 passed by this Court in Application U/S 482 No.31545 of 2024 (Praveen Chetri v. State of U.P. and another). It is further noted that the information recorded in the departmental records has been kept confidential, and such information is utilized solely for the rehabilitation of the minors.
3. In view of the instructions received and the material produced before this Court, the Director and the Secretary of the Directorate of Women Welfare, Uttar Pradesh are directed to appear through video conferencing tomorrow to assist the Court about the requirement of caste and religion in the details prepared by counselors and the office of District Probationary Officer of the minors who have been kept in the Rajkiya Balgrih (Balika).
4. The date and time have been fixed as per the convenience of the officers, after deliberations with them by Shri Sarvajeet Singh, DPO, Prayagraj.
5. Put up this case as fresh on 27.11.2025 at 12:30 p.m.

November 26, 2025
Anil K. Sharma

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HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. In compliance with the previous order, the Director and the Secretary, Directorate of Women Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh, appeared before this Court virtually through video conferencing.
2. After hearing the matter at length, learned A.G.A. seeks, and is granted, one week's time to obtain instructions on the deliberations and suggestions placed before the Court by the aforesaid officers.
3. Put up this case as fresh on 04.12.2025.
4. The personal presence of the aforesaid officers is dispensed with on the next date of hearing.

November 27, 2025
Anil K. Sharma

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1. The matter was kept in chamber for dictation on 4th December, 2025. However, at the time of dictation, the Court found it necessary to seek clarification on certain aspects of the case.
2. Accordingly, the matter be listed as a fresh case on 3rd February, 2026 for further hearing.
3. In the meantime, the learned A.G.A. shall obtain fresh instructions in the matter.

December 4, 2025
Shafique

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HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.G.A. for the State.
2. The present writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ, order or direction commanding the respondent-authorities to produce the corpus, namely Sunita, stated to be the minor sister of petitioner no.2, allegedly kept in illegal custody of respondent nos. 4 to 9.
3. On earlier dates, this Court had expressed concern regarding the mentioning of caste and religion of the minor children kept at Rajkiya Balgrih (Balika), despite specific directions issued by this Court in Application under Section 482 No. 31545 of 2024 (Praveen Chetri v. State of U.P. and another).
4. On the last date of hearing, learned A.G.A. placed before the Court a letter dated 02.12.2025 issued by the Special Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, containing suggestions for amendment in the relevant provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Juvenile Justice Rules, 2016.
5. Learned A.G.A., on instructions, further submits that the corpus is presently in the safe custody of her brother, who is arrayed as petitioner no.2 herein. In view thereof, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the present petition pending.
6. Accordingly, the instant writ petition stands disposed of.

February 3, 2026
A. Tripathi

(Vinod Diwakar,J.)