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

+ W.P.(CRL) 1729/2020

MS. PARVEEN Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sharad Malhotra, Advocate.

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel
& Mr. Chaitanya Gosain, Advocate,
for the State.

Mr. Rinendra Kumar, Advocate for
respondent No.3.

Ms. Sulekha in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPIN SANGHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNISH BHATNAGAR

ORDER

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24.11.2020

The petitioner has preferred the present writ petition to seek a writ of Habeas Corpus for production of her sister Sulekha. She went missing on 12.09.2020. The suspect is respondent no. 3 – Babloo.

Sulekha has been traced and she has been produced before us through a video link. We have interacted with her.

As per the status report, she was born in the year 2000, and therefore, even on the date when she went missing, she was a major. She states that she went with Babloo of her own free will and accord and that she has married him. To the same effect is her statement recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C.

Aforesaid being the position, Sulekha is free to reside wherever she wishes and with whosoever she wishes, she being a major.

We, therefore, direct that Sulekha may be permitted to reside with respondent no.3 – Babloo. We direct the police authorities to escort her to the residence of Babloo. The police authorities shall also counsel the petitioner and the parents of Sulekha not to take law into their hands or threaten either Sulekha or Babloo. The mobile phone number of the Beat Constable of the police station where Sulekha would reside with Babloo should be provided to both Sulekha and Babloo so that they may get in touch with police officials in case of need.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

VIPIN SANGHI, J

RAJNISH BHATNAGAR, J

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

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