

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT GWALIOR
WP No. 38098 of 2025**

Dated : 07-01-2026

Shri Rishikesh Bohare - Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri S.S.Kushwah- Government Advocate for the State.

Shri R.K. Shrivastava - Advocate for respondents No.8 to 15.

Shri Praveen Kumar Newaskar -Deputy Solicitor General for
respondent No.5.

In the morning when the case was taken up, Shri Newaskar sought time to file reply on behalf of respondent No. 5.

2. Issue which is involved in the present case gives a very alarming and precarious condition of the minor girls who are missing. We do not know whether those girls have voluntarily gone from their houses or they are thrown in the flesh trade.

3. Be that whatever it may be.

4. Since the controversy, which is involved in the present case, involves a very burning issue, therefore, Shri S.S. Kushwaha was requested to call the Inspector General of Police, Gwalior Zone, and if possible, Superintendent of Police, Shivpuri, at about 04:00 pm so that we can have some bird's eye view with regard to the efforts which are being made by the Police.

5. Accordingly, the case was taken up at 03:45 PM, as both the officers had already come.

6. We are conscious of the fact that travelling time from Shivpuri to Gwalior is approximately one and half hours and Superintendent of Police,

Shivpuri, must not have got sufficient time to prepare the figures, therefore, once again, it is being observed that presence of both the police officers was with a view to find out as to whether things are as bad as are being reflected from the writ petition or the ground reality is better than what is being reflected.

7. It was informed by Shri Aman Singh that as per the figures available in District of Shivpuri, which were communicated to the Police Headquarters in the earliest part of this month, disclose that at present, 30 minor girls are missing from District Shivpuri. It was further submitted that in the last year, i.e., year 2025, 228 minor girls went missing out of which 210 girls have been recovered, but Shri Aman Singh was not aware of the fact as to whether all those girls were actually recovered by the Police or some of them had come back voluntarily to their houses or had gone to the police station?

8. Be that whatever it may be.

9. It is submitted by Shri Aman Singh that for collecting the said figure, he will be required to go through each and every case diary and sought some time. However, it is pointed out by Shri Aman Singh that out of 30 unrecovered minor girls, one girl went missing in the year 2014, one girl in the year 2015, two girls in the year 2019, one girl in the year 2021, one girl in the year 2022, three girls in the year 2023, three girls in the year 2024, and eighteen girls in the year 2025.

10. It is really shocking that some of the girls are missing for the last more than 10 years, but still, police is not in a position to find out their whereabouts. It is also not known as to whether Police Headquarters has issued any specific direction to the concerning police station with regard to missing of girls for the last more than 10 years.

11. Under these circumstances, Shri Kushwaha prays for and is granted a week's time to file a specific reply on behalf of Inspector General of Police,

Gwalior Zone, as well as on behalf of Superintendent of Police, Shivpuri, separately for supplying the following informations:

Gwalior Zone

- (i) How many minor girls went missing from the year 2014 to year 2025?
- (ii) How many minor girls were recovered?
- (iii) How many minor girls had voluntarily come back to their houses or had gone to the police, and
- (iv) In how many cases, police had actually traced out the girls and had apprehended the accused?

If the Inspector General of Police, Gwalior Zone finds that some drastic improvements are required for improving the situation of recovery of missing minor girls, then he shall also point out the same.

Shivpuri

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- (ii) How many minor girls were recovered?
- (iii) How many minor girls had voluntarily come back to their houses or had gone to the police, and
- (iv) In how many cases, police had actually traced out the girls and had apprehended the accused?

12. Shri Praveen Newaskar, Deputy Solicitor General appears for respondent No. 5 – National Commission for Women, New Delhi.

13. Notices were issued to respondent No. 5 by order dated 09/10/2025, and as per Office report, service report is awaited. It is really surprising that Postal Department was unable to serve the National Commission for Women, New Delhi.

14. Be that whatever it may be.

15. Since Shri Praveen Newaskar has entered appearance only because the name of Addl. Solicitor General is being reflected in the causelist, therefore, he prays for and is granted a week's time to file reply on behalf of respondent No. 5 – National Commission for Women.

16. It is expected that looking to the important question involved in the present case, the National Commission for Women, New Delhi, would also rise to the occasion and would actively assist the Court to arrive to a right conclusion which may positively and in a more effective manner can protect the dignity as well as life of the minor girls.

17. As prayed, list this case on 19/01/2026.

(G. S. AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

(ANIL VERMA)
JUDGE

PjS/-