

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

FRIDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE G.M. MOHIUDDIN

WP NO: 16714 OF 2026

Between

M.BABU RAO, S/O. M. SAIANNA

.....Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad.
3. The Station House Officer, PS. Chatrinaka, Hyderabad.
4. Mr. Trimurthulu, S/o. Not known to Petitioner Presently working as Sub - Inspector of Police PS. Chatrinaka, Hyderabad.
5. S. Koteswar Rao, S/o. Not known to Petitioner Presently working as Station House officer PS. Chatrinaka, Hyderabad.
6. Ms. Swapna, D/o Not known to Petitioner Presently working as Sub-Inspector of police PS. Chatrinaka, Hyderabad.

.....Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declare the action of the Respondent Nos. 4 to 6 herein subjecting petitioner son to ill-treatment and illegal detention in the Respondent No.3 police station on Dated. 04/04/2026 from 6.00 PM to 11.30 PM knowingly fully well that petitioner son is minor as being illegal arbitrary and violation of Article.14, 21 of Constitution of India and violation of Human Rights and Human Dignity, and Consequentially direct the Respondent Nos. 2 and 3 herein to conduct departmental enquiry against the Respondent Nos.4 to 6 herein for subjecting the petitioners minor son to ill-treatment and illegal detention from Dated. 04/04/2026 from 6.00 PM to 11.30 PM in the Respondent No.3 police station:

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Petition under Section 151 of C.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.3 Police Station to preserve and produce the CCTV footage dated. 04/04/2026 from 6.00 PM to 11.30 PM before this Hon'able Court, pending disposal of WP No.16714 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the petition and the grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/s.Verose Sanjana, Advocate for the

Petitioner. Government Pleader for Home for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Home.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the son of the petitioner, who is a minor, was detained in the police station for about six hours without either informing his parents or producing him before the Juvenile Justice Board.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the minor was made to sit on the floor for hours and was denied even drinking water, which amounts to ill-treatment and violation of Article 21 of Constitution of India.

Learned counsel also submits that a direction may be issued for preservation of the CCTV footage of the police station on 04.04.2026 from 06.00 PM to 11.30 PM.

On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for Home, submits that the duration for which CCTV footage is recorded in the police station depends on the storage capacity of the hard disk.

In the considered view of this Court, if the CCTV footage is not preserved there is every possibility that the same may be destroyed. Therefore, respondent No.3 is directed to preserve the CCTV footage of the police station on 04.04.2026 from 06.00 PM to 11.30 PM.

Learned Government Pleader for Home seeks time to file counter.

List on 30.06.2026.

Sd/- AHMAD ABDULLA KHAN
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

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[Addresses 1 to 6 By SPAD] ✓
7. One CC to M/s. VEROSE SANJANA, Advocate [OPUC] ✓
8. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT] ✓
9. One spare copy ✓

HIGH COURT

GMM, J

DATED: 15-05-2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

