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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.35 OF 2026 (F)

ADITYA BAKAYA

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THIRUVARUR
HOUSE OFFICER (SHO) AND 2 ORS

... RESPONDENTS

Mr Prabhjit Jauhar, Advocate through VC along with Ms Vijeta Poulekar, Ms Rosemary Raju and Mr Chahat Raghav(thorough VC), Advocates for the petitioner.

Mr. S. G. Bhobe, Public Prosecutor for Respondent No.1.

Mr Gautami Kamat, Advocate for Respondent No.2 through VC.

**CORAM:- SUMAN SHYAM &
AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, JJ.**

DATED :- 14th January, 2026

P.C.

Heard Mr. Jauhar, learned Counsel for the Petitioner, who has addressed the Court online.

2. The relief sought in the present Writ Petition is for repatriation of the minor child of the Petitioner i.e the Respondent No. 3 to Utah, U.S.A. The minor child (Respondent No. 3) is presently residing with her mother i.e. Respondent No. 2, in the State of Goa. It is contended that Respondent No. 2 has left the United States of America along with the child, in violation of Court order and therefore, a direction for repatriation has been sought.

3. Ms. Kamat, learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No. 2, online, seeks two weeks' time to file reply.



4. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 02.02.2026.
5. Mr. S. G. Bhobe, learned Public Prosecutor, waives notice on behalf of Respondent No. 1 and Ms. Kamat, learned Counsel, waives notice on behalf of Respondent No. 2.
6. Considering the fact that the Respondent No. 3 is a minor, we deem it appropriate not to issue notice to the said Respondent.
7. Respondent No. 2 shall file her reply on or before 29.01.2026, with advance copy served upon the learned Counsel for the Petitioner.
8. In view of the statement made by the learned Counsel for Respondent No. 2 that neither her client nor the minor child will leave the State of Goa without the leave of this Court, no further interim direction is deemed necessary, at this stage.
9. Stand over to 02.02.2026.

AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J.

SUMAN SHYAM, J.