



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO.59 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SNEHA SOUHARDA SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB,
SALIGRAMA TOWN, SALIGRAMA TALUK,
MYSORE DISTRICT - 571604
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
H.S. GIRISH, S/O NAGARAJAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS.

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI MAHENDRA B.S., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. SRI. MALLIKARJUNA BALDANDI
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSURU DISTRICT, MYSURU-570 001.
2. RAJANNA
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE SOUTH, MYSURU - 570001.
3. SHASHI KUMAR
CIRCLE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
SALIGRAMA TOWN, SALIGRAMA TALUK,
MYSURU DISTRICT-571 604.
4. SHASHIKUMAR
SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE
(INCHARGE INSPECTOR OF POLICE)
(VACANT POST)
SALIGRAMA POLICE STATION
MYSORE DISTRICT - 571604.

...ACCUSED





5. STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF HOME
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560 001.

...PRO FORMA RESPONDENT

(BY SMT. SUKANYA BALIGA, ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE
FOR PRO FORMA RESPONDENT NO.5)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE
CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971 PRAYING TO INITIATE CONTEMPT
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ACCUSED NOS.1 TO 4 FOR WILLFUL
DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 03.07.2025 PASSED IN
W.P.NO.18025/2025 AT ANNEXURE-A AND ETC.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS
DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The complainant has filed the present complaint alleging willful disobedience of the order dated 03.07.2025 passed in Writ Petition No 18025/2025 (GM-Police).
2. The complainant alleges that the respondents are interfering with its business which is lawfully being conducted. The learned counsel appearing for the complainant has referred to paragraph 4 of the order dated 03.07.2025 passed in Writ Petition No. 18025/2025 (GM-Police) and contends that the directions



articulated in the said paragraphs are being violated. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the said order are set out below :

"4. It is settled position in law that once the activities of Members of petitioner Association are being carried on lawfully, the question of respondent Police interfering would not arise unless the activities contravene any provision of law. Needless to state that, it is always open to the respondent Authorities to exercise the powers vested in them, if they have information regarding commission of offence or violation of law. Such action of the respondent Police cannot be considered to be interference.

5. Needless to state, it is open to the respondents to make enquiry if the respondents are of the view that the activities of the petitioner are not limited to games of skill but includes game of chance."

3. It is clear from the aforesaid paragraphs that no specific directions have been issued. We are unable to accept that any action taken by the police authorities would be construed as willful disobedience of the aforesaid directions, warranting and initiating of proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. The complaint is accordingly closed.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE