

WP NO. 3301/2026 (GM - RES)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[N. MUNINARAYANASWAMY AND OTHERS VS. STATE
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS]

11.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

This Court's order dated 09.02.2026 is perused. This Court has categorically opined, after recording the circumstances of the case, that the specifics of this case must receive the attention of the Principal Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens [*the Principal Secretary*]. This Court has observed that this would be imperative *lest* the children whose interests must be paramount are made to suffer.

When queried on the fallout of the Principal Secretary being informed, Ms. Saritha Kulkarni, the learned Additional Government Advocate, submits that she is yet to secure instructions, but she requests for permission to place on record orders directing enquiry against the petitioners as contemplated under the Act/Rules. Without detailing the

circumstances once again, this Court must record that the first aspect that will have to be answered to this Court's satisfaction is that the Principal Secretary is made known of the circumstances and an effective decision is taken to ensure that the substitute arrangements only sub-serve the best interests of the children.

At this stage, this Court is not persuaded that the alternative arrangement which is after a lapse of more than three weeks from the date on which the petitioners are kept under suspension is in the best interest of the children. Therefore, the Registry is directed to forward a copy of this order over E-mail to the Principal Secretary, who is called upon to place on record a Report on the measures that are taken to ensure that the children's interest is protected and will be protected even with the present arrangement.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **17.02.2026** in the *Orders* Category.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE