



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

WRIT PETITION NO. 7257 OF 2026 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

SMT. SAHLA BI KALLONI MOIDEEN ABDULLA @
SHAHALABI, WIFE OF SRI. MOHAMMAD SINAN S.A
AGED ABOUT 27 YEARS, PRESENTLY R/ AT
KEREMOOLE HOUSE, BEHIND JANATHA STORE,
SULLIA TALUK, DAKSHINA KANNADA,
KARNATAKA - 577 219
ALSO AT YORK RESIDENCY, HUMAIDEYA,
AJMAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - 00000

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. BHARGAVA D BHAT., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
NORTH BLOCK,
NEW DELHI-110 001
2. THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HAVING ITS HEAD OFFICE
AT EAST BLOCK VIII,
LEVEL-V, SECTOR-1,
R.K. PURAM, NEW DELHI-110 066,
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER
OF IMMIGRATION.
3. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER

Digitally
signed by
SANTHEVINI
J
KARISHETTY
Location:
High Court
of Karnataka



SULLIA POLICE STATION,
DAKSHINA KANNADA REP. BY
SPP, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BENGALURU - 560 001

4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT, DISTRICT POLICE
OFFICE (DPO) MANGALURU - 575 001
DAKSHINA KANNADA KARNATAKA, INDIA

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SHANTHI BHUSHAN H., DSGI FOR R1 AND R2;
SRI.B.N.JAGADEESHA, ADDL. SPP FOR R2 AND R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226
AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA READ WITH
SECTION 482 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1973
PRAYING TO QUASHING THE ENDORSEMENT DATED
20.02.2026 BEARING REFERENCE NO. NO17/PTN/SUL/2026
ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO.3, WHICH IS PRODUCED
HEREWITH AS ANNEXURE-K.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking the following
prayer:

- "a. Issue a writ of Certiorari or any other appropriate writ,
order or direction quashing the endorsement dated
20.02.2026 bearing Reference No.No17/PTN/SUL/2026
issued by Respondent No.3, which is produced herewith
as Annexure-K;



- b. Issue a writ of Mandamus or any appropriate writ, order or direction to the respondents quashing the Look Out Circular issued against the Petitioner in connection with C.C. No.525/2024 arising out of Crime No.0116/2023 on the file of Senior Civil Judge & JMFC, Sullia, D.K;
- c. Direct the Respondent Police and Bureau of Immigration to forthwith withdraw and cancel the LOC issued against the Petitioner:
- d. Pass such other order or direction as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity."

2. Heard Sri Bhargava D Bhat, learned counsel for petitioner, Sri Shanthi Bhushan H., learned Deputy Solicitor General of India for respondent Nos.1 and 2 and Sri B.N.Jagadeesha, learned Additional State Public Prosecutor for respondent Nos.3 and 4.

3. This Court on 24.03.2026, had passed the following order:

"The petitioner calls in question a lookout circular issued by the Bureau of Immigration. The Bureau of Immigration is only the executant and the originator is the State. The offence is the one punishable under Section 498A of the IPC, *inter alia*.



The petitioner is accused No.4 is now stranded in India and her husband is in Dubai. The allegation against the present petitioner is so omnibus and vague, made by the complainant. This Court on 01.09.2025 has passed a detailed interim order, in Crl.P.No.6859/2025, staying all further proceedings against the petitioners therein. Despite passage of the interim order, it is surprising as to how the originator, in a crime for the offence under Section 498A of the IPC has yielded to the pressure of the complainant or only to assuage the complainant has generated the lookout circular.

Therefore, learned Additional State Public Prosecutor to secure instructions with regard to the withdrawal of the lookout circular as lookout circulars cannot for the asking, be issued in the offence punishable under Section 498A of the IPC, except in exceptional circumstances where the accused would evade trial and run away from the country.

In the light of the interim order granted and subsisting in Crl.P.No.6859/2025; the offence being the one punishable under Section 498A of the IPC and the petitioner being a distant relative, who was residing in Dubai all through would undoubtedly lead to the respondents to recall the lookout circular.

List this matter on **27.03.2026, in the fresh matters list.**

4. Learned Deputy Solicitor General of India would submit that the Lookout circular has been recalled and therefore, the petitioner is free to travel.

5. In the light of the submission of the learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, the writ petition does not survive for



consideration at the hands of this Court. The writ petition stands disposed.

6. As a matter of form, the endorsement dated 20.02.2026 stands quashed.

Sd/-
(M.NAGAPRASANNA)
JUDGE

NVJ
List No.: 2 Sl No.: 33