

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SRINIVASIAH GOVINDARAJU VS. STATE OF KARNATAKA AND
ANOTHER]

24.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Mr. Ajay Kadkol, the learned counsel for the petitioner, is heard on the petitioner's request for *ad interim* order.

The petitioner's grievance is with the orders of the Special Court in Misc. No.1346/2024 under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 [for short, '*the Act*']. Mr. Ajay Kadkol submits that the petitioner has called in question the Notification issued under Section 5(1) of the Act in W.P.No.24989/2024 and that this Court has granted interim order staying the Notification. The learned counsel submits that despite this order staying the provisional Notification [*which the Special Court must confirm*], the Special Court, without deferring proceedings, has proceeded to pass the impugned order.

Prima facie the question for consideration is whether the Special Court could have proceeded to pass final orders

confirming the Notification during the currency of the interim order in W.P.No.24989/2024, and this Court opines that a case is made out for grant of *ad interim* order.

Hence, the interim order is granted as prayed for to be in force until further orders but with liberty to the respondents to complete their pleadings and seek vacating.

Mr. Aditya, Diwakara, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the first respondent. Mr. Veeresh R. Budihal, a learned Standing counsel for the second respondent, is called upon to accept notice for this respondent.

Mr. Ajay Kadkol shall ensure copies are served on the chambers of Mr. Veeresh R. Budihal at the earliest.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **17.04.2026.**

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE