



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.P.SANDESH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VENKATESH NAIK T

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.2065 OF 2025 (21(NIA))

BETWEEN:

1. MR. MEHBOOB PASHA @ ABDULLAH
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
S/O. LATE BURHANUDDIN
RESIDENT OF 6TH MAIN
NEAR GAS BUNK, BANNERGHATTA ROAD
GURAPANAPALYA
BENGALURU-560 029.
2. MR. KHAJA MOIDEEN @ JALAL
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS
S/O. LATE CHINNATHAMBI AMBALAM
RESIDENT OF 27
SALAMATH PUDHU NAGAR
KOLLUMEDU TALUK KATTUMANNAR KOVIL
DISTRICT CUDDALORE, TAMIL NADU.

ALSO AT PERMANENT ADDRESS
THARAGAR STREET, HANYANKUDI
DISTRICT SIVAGANGAI
TAMIL NADU-630 606.

3. MR. ABDUL SAMAD
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
S/O. LATE SULTHAN
RESIDENT OF NO.5
MATHINA NAGAR STREET
PARANGIPETTAI
CUDDALORE DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

ALSO AT
PERMANENT ADDRESS: NO.21/29





NAGUTHA MARAICAR STREET
PARANGIPETTAI, CUDDALOR DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU - 608 502.

4. MR. Y. THOWFEEK @ MUHAMMAD FARKHAN
S/O. YOUSUF
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
RESIDENT OF NO.88
ATHANKARAI STREET, MALLICK DINAR NAGAR
ELANKADAI, KOTTAR, NAGERCOIL
KANYAKUMARI
TAMIL NADU-629 002.
5. MR. SYED ALI NAVAZ @ SYED MOHAMMED
@SIRAZ ALI @ FAHIM KHAN
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
S/O. SYED MOHAMMED
RESIDENT OF NO.104/15, AMAL COMPOUND
MALIKDINAR NAGAR, ELANKADAI, KOTAR
KANYAKUMARI
TAMIL NADU-629 002.
6. MR. JAFFAR ALI @ UMAR
@ ABDUL RAHIM
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
S/O. MOHAMMED HALICK
RESIDENT OF NO.15/16, REDDIYA STREET
MELAPATTAMBAKKAM TOWN
NELLIKUPPAM PS
CUDDALORE, TAMIL NADU-608 502.
7. MR. ABDUL SHAMEEM
@ MUHAMMAD HABEED
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS
S/O. P. ABDUL HANEEFA
RESIDENT OF NO.1/183-A
BATHAR STREET, THIRUVITHANCODE
KALKULAM TALUK, KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU-629 002.
8. MR. IMRAN KHAN @ IMRAN
S/O. USMAN GHANI KHAN
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
RESIDENT OF C/O. 51



4TH MAIN, METRO LAYOUT
NAYANDAHALLI, BENGALURU

ALSO AT
PERMANENT ADDRESS NO.68
4TH MAIN, FIRST CROSS
KUTHAL ROAD, SADATH NAGAR
MANDYA DISTRICT-571 401.

9. MR. MOHAMMED HANEEF KHAN
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
S/O. ABDUL HAMEED
RESIDENT OF C/O. FAROOQ TIMBER GALLI
6TH MAIN ROAD, GURAPPANAPALYA
BENGALURU

ALSO AT
PERMANENT ADDRESS NO.17
BEEDI COLONY, KEREANGALA
CHIKKAMANDYA, MANDYA-571 401.

10. MR. MOHAMMED MANSOOR ALI KHAN
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
S/O. ABDUL HAMEED
RESIDENT OF NO.20/1, 3RD FLOOR
MARKET ROAD, NEW GURAPPANAPALYA
BENGALURU.

ALSO AT
PERMANENT ADDRESS NO.9
2ND FLOOR, 1ST STAGE
AFZAL LAYOUT, ASHWATH NAGAR
NEAR SAYEEDA MASJID
BENGALURU-560 029.

11. MR. SALEEM KHAN @ KOLAR SALEEM
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
S/O. ASLAM KHAN
RESIDENT OF C/O. ABDUL SATTAR
OPPOSITE MUTTON SHOP
BEEDI COLONY, RAHAMATH NAGAR
KOLAR-563 101.

12. MR. ABDUL MATEEN AHMED TAHA
@ ABDUL MATHEEN TAHA



@ MATHEEN @ TAHA
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
S/O. MANSOOR AHMED,
RESIDENT OF NO.92/2/2274/711/4
FISH MARKET ROAD, BIG SOUP
THIRTHAHALLI
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 432.

13. MR. HUSSAIN SHARIFF
S/O. AHMED SHARIFF
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
RESIDENT OF DOOR NO.58
4TH CROSS, ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ROAD
BTM LAYOUT, BENGALURU-560 029.

ALSO AT
PERMANENT ADDRESS NO.27
15TH CROSS, NEAR ABDUL HUSSAIN MASJID
LAKKASANDRA
BENGALURU-560 030.

14. MR. EJAZ PASHA @ AZAZ PASHA
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS
S/O. ABDUL SATTAR
RESIDENT OF NO.424, 2ND CROSS
MARUTHI SAWMILL ROAD
THANISANDRA MAIN ROAD
BENGALURU-560 077.

ALSO AT:
PERMANENT ADDRESS:
UNNANALLI VILLAGE
MAGADI TALUK-562 120.

15. MR. ZABIULLA
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS
S/O. A. ISMAIL
RESIDENT OF 175/2
ASHWATHKATTA ROAD
OPPOSITE GANESHA TEMPLE
OLD GURAPPANAPALYA, BTM LAYOUT
SUGUNAPALYA
BENGALURU-560 029.



16. MR. MUSSAVIR HUSSAIN SHAZIB
@ SHAZIB @ MUSSAVIR
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
S/O. LATE MOHAMMAD NORULLA
RESIDENT OF T-1B-P-13, MASJID ROAD
THIRTHAHALLI
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 432.
17. MR. SYED FASIUR REHAMAN
@ SYED FASEEH UR REHMAN
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS
S/O. SYED FAZULUR RAHAMAN
RESIDENT OF 14 P AND T DRIVERS COLONY
AYOTHIDASS NAGAR, D.J. HALLI
ARABIC COLLEGE, TANNERY ROAD
BENGALURU-560 045.
18. MR. MOHAMMED ZAID
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS
S/O. ABDUL SUBAN
RESIDENT OF 6TH MAIN ROAD
1ST FLOOR, NEW GURAPPANAPALYA
NEAR TIMBER GALLI
BANNERGHATTA MAIN ROAD
BENGALURU - 29.

ALSO AT
PERMANENT ADDRESS: 1ST CROSS
PRASHANTH NAGAR
CHIKKABALLAPUR ROAD
KOLAR-563 101.
19. MR. M. SADIQ BASHA
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
S/O. T.A. MASTHAN
RESIDING AT NO.40, 2ND MAIN ROAD
SONNANAHALLI, VIVEK NAGAR
BENGALURU-560 047.
20. MR. SIRAJUDEEN @ SHIHABUDEEN
@ KHALID @ RAJESH
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS
S/O. SYEDALAVI
RESIDENT OF NO.6



TIRUMARAI NAGAR EXTENSION
KURICHI, PIRIVU, PODANUR (PS)
COIMBATORE DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU-641 023.

...APPELLANTS

(BY SRI SIRAJUDDIN AHMED, ADVOCATE)

AND:

NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY
13TH MAIN ROAD HAL STAGE 2
INDIRANAGAR
BENGALURU
REPRESENTED BY SPL.SPP
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS
BENGALURU-560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI PRASANNA KUMAR P., SPL.PP)

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THIS CRIMINAL APPEAL IS FILED UNDER SECTION 21(4) OF NIA ACT, PRAYING TO QUASH THE CHARGES AND SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 23-9-2025 PASSED BY THE XLIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF NIA CASES) (CCH-50) AT BENGALURU, FRAMING CHARGES AGAINST THE APPELLANTS IN SPL.C NO.320 OF 2020 AS THE SAID CHARGES ARE BASED ON INSUFFICIENT INADMISSIBLE, AND UNCORROBORATED EVIDENCE AND ARE A RESULT OF MISAPPLICATION OF LAW.

THIS CRIMINAL APPEAL, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.P.SANDESH
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VENKATESH NAIK T



ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.P.SANDESH)

This appeal is filed by accused Nos.1 to 13, 15 to 17, and 19 to 22 praying to quash the charges framed by the trial Court, and to set aside the plea dated 23.09.2025 passed by the learned XLIX Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (Special Court for the trial of NIA cases) (CCH-50) at Bengaluru, particularly the framing of charges against the appellants in Special Case No.320 of 2020.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the appellants would vehemently contend that the trial Court has framed the charges without any material and has failed to consider that there are no materials on record.

3. *Per contra*, learned counsel appearing for the respondent brought to the notice of this Court that accused No.11 had been granted bail and the same was challenged before the Apex Court by the NIA. Accused No.20, whose bail was rejected by this Court vide impugned judgment dated



21.04.2022, had also challenged the same before the Apex Court.

4. The Apex Court, while considering Criminal Appeal No.3645 of 2025 filed by the NIA challenging the grant of bail in favour of accused No.11 and the appeal filed by accused No.20 challenging the rejection of his bail, dismissed both the appeals. The Apex Court further directed the trial Court to dispose of the matter within a period of two years, taking note of the fact that the accused persons have been in custody for about five and a half years without trial and that nearly 100 witnesses are to be examined. The parties were also directed to cooperate for expeditious disposal of the case. Learned counsel further submits that accused No.11 as well as accused No.20 are also appellants herein and, in view of the directions issued by the Apex Court, the present appeal has become infructuous.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the appellants and learned counsel appearing for the respondent, and considering that this appeal is filed challenging the framing of charges against the appellants, it is noticed that the Apex Court, while



dismissing the appeals filed by the NIA as well as accused No.20, has directed the trial Court to dispose of the matter within two years.

6. Learned counsel appearing for the NIA would also submit that already eight witnesses have been examined and the examination of other witnesses is yet to be completed. Learned counsel appearing for the appellants also submits that they will cooperate in view of the direction issued by the Apex Court. When such submissions are made before this Court, the present appeal does not survive for consideration with regard to the framing of charges, particularly when a specific direction has been issued to dispose of the matter on merits within a time-bound period by conducting the trial. Hence, the appeal is ***dismissed.***

**Sd/-
(H.P.SANDESH)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(VENKATESH NAIK T)
JUDGE**

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