



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

WRIT PETITION NO. 38156 OF 2025 (GM-POLICE)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. MANJULA. M. G.
W/O NARASIMHA MURTHY T
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
OCCUPATION HOUSE HOLD WORK
R/OF BDA SITE NO.760
8TH CROSS BBMP WARD
NO.72, NEAR BALAVIKASA
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SIR.M.VISHWESHWARAI AH NAGARA
BANGALORE -560007

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. HANUMANTHAPPA HARAVI.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE PRINCIPAL OF SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS
VIDHANA SOUDHA, DR.AMBEDAKAR VEEDI
BANGALORE-560001.
2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
AND INSPECTOR GENERAL POLICE
NRUPATHUNGA ROAD,
BANGALORE-560 001.
3. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
BANGALORE CITY
INFANTRY ROAD,
BANGALORE-560 001



4. THE POLICE SUB INSPECTOR
ANNAPOORANESHWARI NAGAR
POLICE STATION,
BANGALORE-560 0091.
5. SHIVASHANKAR A.
AGE 44 YEARS,
ADVOCATE
R/AT NO.27/12A,
OPP.MANYATHA TECH PARK
NAGAWARA, BANGALORE-560 043

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. K.P. YOGANNA, AGA FOR R1 TO R4;
V/O DATED: 18.12.2025 NOTICE TO R5 IS DEFERRED
FOR NOT)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE
INDIAN CONSTITUTION PRAYING TO-DIRECT THE R4 SHALL
ACCEPT THE COMPLAINT DATED 10.12.2025 VIDE ANNEX-E
WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.DIRECT THE R4 SHALL REGISTER A
CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST THE R5 AS PER COMPLAINT DATED
10.12.2025 VIDE ANNEX-E WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY
HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner has instituted the present writ petition
seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus
directing respondent No.4 to consider and act upon the
complaint dated 10.12.2025, produced at Annexure-E,



and to register a criminal case against respondent No.5 in accordance with law.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, reiterating the grounds urged in the writ petition, would vehemently contend that despite the petitioner furnishing relevant material, including medical records and Medico-Legal Certificates (MLCs) appended to the writ papers, respondent No.4 has failed to discharge his statutory duty of registering a First Information Report. It is further contended that such inaction on the part of respondent No.4 is arbitrary and contrary to the settled principles governing registration of FIR, particularly when the complaint discloses cognizable offences. Learned counsel would also submit that respondent No.5, being a practicing Advocate, is attempting to misuse his position, thereby necessitating prompt police action.

3. Per contra, learned Additional Government Advocate, on instructions, submits that there is no



deliberate inaction on the part of respondent No.4. He would submit that the Station House Officer is ready and willing to proceed in accordance with law on the basis of the complaint submitted by the petitioner. However, despite repeated requests and communications, the petitioner has not cooperated with the jurisdictional police by furnishing further particulars and has failed to appear before the Station House Officer for the purpose of facilitating necessary enquiry. It is therefore contended that appropriate directions may be issued to the petitioner to extend cooperation to the investigating machinery.

4. In light of the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on both sides and taking into consideration the material placed on record, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the petition with the following directions:



ORDER

(i) The writ petition is ***allowed***;

(ii) The petitioner is directed to appear before respondent No.4 – Station House Officer, within a period to be stipulated by the said authority, and furnish all necessary information and documents in support of the complaint dated 10.12.2025;

(iii) Upon such appearance and cooperation by the petitioner, respondent No.4 shall consider the complaint in accordance with law and take appropriate action, including registration of a case, if the complaint discloses commission of cognizable offence, and thereafter proceed in accordance with law.

Sd/-
(SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM)
JUDGE

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