

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).2240-2241/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-11-2025 in CRP No.8134/2024 18-11-2025 in CRP No.9412/2021 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

LOKESH B.H & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF KARNATAKA & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 09-03-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

[MS. NINA R. NARIMAN, *Amicus Curiae* (pro bono)]

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Mr. Brijendra Chahar, learned Additional Solicitor General, submits that vide order dated 13.02.2026, this Court had impleaded the Union of India through the Ministry of Law and Justice as a party respondent, but it should have been through the Ministry of Home Affairs. The order dated 13.02.2026 stands modified to the aforesaid extent. Registry to amend the cause title accordingly.
2. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.
3. As prayed for, Ms. Nina R. Nariman, learned *amicus curiae* (pro bono), is permitted to place on record her written submissions within the next two working days, with further liberty to file fresh written submissions, if so required, after the counter affidavit is filed by the respondent(s), before the next date of listing.
4. List on 11.05.2026.

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