

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.5685/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-12-2025 in CRLP No. 16292/2025 passed by the High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad]

GONEPALLI SANDEEP KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TELANGANA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

Date : 15-05-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Charu Mathur, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Devina Sehgal, AOR
Mr. Srikanth Varma Mudunuru, Adv.

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

1. As per office report, service on respondent no.2 is complete, but none has entered appearance on her behalf.
2. As such, in the interest of justice, we request and appoint Mohammad Zulfikar Lakdawala, learned counsel (email id:advlakdawala99@gmail.com and Enrol.No.G/11995/2025), as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court on behalf of respondent no.2.
3. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of one week.

4. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with the respondent directly, in writing, apprising her about the pendency of the present petition; the passing of this order; her right of engaging a counsel of choice; and her right of being represented, subject to eligibility, through a Legal Aid Counsel.

5 Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairperson of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall have the above said respondent apprised of her rights to the aforesaid effect.

6. Learned *amicus curiae* shall file the compliance affidavit before the next date of listing.

7. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if the said respondent is represented by a legally engaged counsel.

8. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

9. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

10 List on 27.07.2026.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)