

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.3

SECTION II-E

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 65771/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 25-09-2025 in CRLRC No. 200001/2024 25-09-2025 in CRLA No. 200116/2025 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Kalaburagi]

AKBAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date : 20-11-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Madhunika Varadarajan, Adv.  
Ms. Srishti Agnihotri, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to cure the defects as pointed out by the Registry within a week.
2. Leave granted.
3. There shall be stay of execution of the death sentence awarded to the appellant.
4. The original record of the case shall be summoned from the Trial Court and the High Court. A copy of the translated records shall be supplied to the learned counsel for the parties.

5. In view of the orders passed by this Court in matters involving capital punishment, we issue following directions:
- i. The respondent-State shall place before this Court the report(s) of all the Probation Officers relating to the appellant within a period of eight (8) weeks.
  - ii. The Superintendent of Prison, Vijayapura Central Jail, shall submit a report with regard to the nature of work which has been performed by the appellant while in jail and a report with regard to the conduct and behaviour of the appellant while in jail, within a period of eight (8) weeks.
  - iii. The Head of the District Hospital, Athani Road, Vijayapura, shall constitute a suitable team for the purpose of carrying out a psychological evaluation of the appellant. The report of the evaluation shall be submitted to this Court through the Standing Counsel for the State of Karnataka within a period of eight (8) weeks.
  - iv. Ms. Simran Narula, The Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR, who is associated with Project 39A, National Law University, Delhi, is allowed to provide mitigation assistance to the Court.
  - v. Ms. Simran Narula is permitted to have access to the appellant who is presently lodged in Vijayapura Central Jail to conduct multiple in-person interviews

for the purpose of collecting information relevant to sentencing and to submit a Mitigation Investigation Report on behalf of the appellant through the appellant's Advocate-on-Record within ten (10) weeks.

vi. The Vijayapura Central Jail shall ensure that, for the sake of confidentiality, these interviews are conducted in a separate interviewing space without any prison official or police staff being within earshot distance, and audio recorders be permitted to be used to record the interviews.

vii. A person nominated by Ms. Simran Narula be permitted to accompany her to translate during the interview.

viii. Ms. Simran Narula is granted permission to obtain documents pertaining to the appellant, including but not limited to medical records, jail conduct, certificates of any educational, vocational or employment opportunities undertaken, etc. that the appellant may wish to submit for the purpose of sentencing information.

6. The Registry is directed to transmit a copy of this order to the Standing Counsel for the State of Karnataka, who shall, in turn, ensure that the order is communicated to the relevant authorities for compliance. The Registry shall, in addition, send a due intimation to all the concerned authorities immediately for compliance.

7. All the reports shall be duly compiled and placed before this Court on the next date of hearing.
8. List the matter after twelve (12) weeks along with the report(s).

**(NEETU KHAJURIA)**  
**ASST.REGISTRAR-CUM-PS**

**(RANJANA SHAILEY)**  
**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**