

ITEM NO.1503
(For Judgment)

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) Nos.516-522/2025

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SRI DARSHAN ETC. ETC.

Respondent(s)

[HEARD BY : HON. J.B. PARDIWALA AND HON. R. MAHADEVAN, JJ.]
(IA No. 9735/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 14-08-2025 This matter was called on for pronouncement of Judgment today.

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1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. Mahadevan pronounced the Judgment of the Bench comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.B. Pardiwala and His Lordship.
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.B. Pardiwala also pronounced a separate Reportable Order.
3. Leave granted.
4. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed Reportable Judgment.
5. The order dated 13.12.2024 passed by the High Court is set aside. The bail granted to the respondents/accused persons is hereby cancelled. The concerned authorities are directed to take the accused into custody forthwith. Given the gravity of the offence, the trial shall be conducted expeditiously, and a judgment rendered on merits, in accordance with law. It is made clear that the observations made herein are strictly confined to the issue of bail and shall not influence the trial on merits.
6. The Registry is directed to circulate one copy each of this Judgment to all the High Courts and all the Jail Superintendents across the country through their respective State Governments.
- 7 Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

(VISHAL ANAND)

ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(Signed Reportable Judgment and Signed Reportable Order are placed on the file)

(POOJA SHARMA)

COURT MASTER (NSH)