



CNR: KAHC010325232025

NC: 2026:KHC:48823
WP No. 14175 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V SRISHANANDA

WRIT PETITION NO. 14175 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI. MALATESH ANNIGERI
S/O YALLAPPA ANNIGERI
AGED ABOUT 66 YEARS,
R/A NO.36, 6TH MAIN,
KHB COLONY, 2ND STAGE,
BASAVESHWARANAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 079.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. ABHISHEK M.K, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. SANDEEP S. PATIL, ADVOCATE)

AND:

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BENGALURU ZONAL OFFICE
3RD FLOOR, BLOCK 'B'
BMTc BUILDING, K.H. ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 027.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SMT. ANUPARNA BORDOLOI, ADVOCATE)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA R/W SEC. 528 OF THE BNSS,
2023 PRAYING TO DECLARE THAT THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE
CONDUCTED AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE PETITIONER FROM
24.04.2025 TO 25.04.2025 AND CONSEQUENTIAL STATEMENT
RECORDED UNDER SECTION 17 BY THE RESPONDENT-

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DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT AS INVALID AND ILLEGAL
(VIDE ANNEXURE-A) AND ETC.,

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY,
ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V SRISHANANDA

ORAL ORDER

1. Heard Sri.Abhishek M. K., learned counsel appearing for Sri.Sandeep S. Patil, learned counsel for the petitioner and Smt.Anuparna Bordoloi.

2. Petitioner was issued with summons bearing ECIR /BGZO/06/2025 by Enforcement Directorate.

3. Petitioner was not an accused in the predicate offence or shown as an accused in the ECIR. Very summons was challenged before this Court.

4. Since there is no reason to quash the summons and issuance of the summons was well within the powers of the respondent, no writ jurisdiction can be invoked by the petitioner as the respondent was competent enough to summon and enquire any person with regard to the pending ECIR.



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5. As such, very petition itself is not maintainable.
6. Hence, the following:

ORDER

- i. Petition is dismissed as it is not maintainable.
- ii. Nevertheless, if the petitioner after filing the response, if arraigned as an accused, liberty is reserved for the petitioner to challenge the grievance if any, in accordance with law.

**Sd/-
(V SRISHANANDA)
JUDGE**

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