



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 18039 OF 2026 (GM-POLICE)

BETWEEN:

MR GHOUSE KHAN
S/O, LATE AMANULLA KHAN
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
AT, NO.20-3, 4TH CROSS, PADARAYANAPURA,
BANGALORE SOUTH - 560026

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SHRIRAMA ADIGA., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
HOME DEPARTMENT,
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
AMBEDKAR VIDHI
VIDHANASOUDHA
BENGALURU 560001
2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
LAW AND ORDER
OFFICE AT, MAGADI ROAD,
BANGALORE 560023
3. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER
J.J.R NAGAR POLICE STATION,
J.J.R NAGAR,
BANGALORE 560018

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. C.H. DEVARAJ., GA FOR R1 TO R3)

Digitally signed
by SHWETHA
RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA



THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER AND DISPOSE OF THE PETITIONERS REPRESENTATIONS DATED 09.06.2026 SEEKING PERMISSION FOR CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL MOHARAM FESTIVAL FORTHWITH AND WITHIN A TIME FRAME FIXED BY THIS HONBLE COURT VIDE ANNEXURE-D AND D1 AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. The Petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

a. Issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the Respondents to consider and dispose of the Petitioner's representations dated 09.06.2026 seeking permission for conducting the annual Moharam Festival forthwith and within a time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court; Vide Annexure D and D1;

b. Issue a writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents that the Petitioner submits a fresh representation for conducting the annual Moharam Festival in future years, the same shall be considered and appropriate orders shall be passed within a stipulated period, within a time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court;

c. Direct the Respondents not to unnecessarily delay consideration of the Petitioner's applications for permission relating to the annual Moharam Festival and connected religious activities;

d. Issue any other order or direction as this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper under the facts and circumstances of this case to meet the ends of Justice.



2. The grievance of the petitioner is that the representation / application submitted by the Petitioner on 09.06.2026 seeking for conducting the annual Moharam festival with police protection has not been granted as done in the earlier years.
3. A perusal of Annexure-C4 indicates that the Petitioner has been granted permission and protection for the year 2023. If similar permission and protection had been granted for the year 2024-25, the Respondents are directed to consider the application submitted by the Petitioner favourably and grant permission and protection as granted in previous years.
4. Since the submission is that the festival commences from today i.e., 16.06.2026, necessary orders to be passed by Respondents by 17.06.2026.
5. With the above observations, the Writ Petition stands ***disposed.***
6. Hand delivery ordered.

SD/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE