



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 18510 OF 2026 (GM-POLICE)

BETWEEN:

SRI.S.MUNIRAJU,
S/O LATE SIDDAGANGAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 63 YEARS,
RETIRED POLICE INSPECTOR,
K.G. SHASTRIPALYA,
KANASAVADI POST, MADHURE HOBLI,
DODDABALLAPURA TALUK,
BENGALURU RURAL - 561 203.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT.DIVYASHREE M., ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. PRABHAKAR L SHETTY., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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by SHWETHA
RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
AND INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE (DG AND IGP),
KARNATAKA STATE
POLICE DEPARTMENT,



NRUPATHUNGA ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

3. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT,
BENGALURU - 560 051.
4. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
DODDABALLAPURA SUB-DIVISION,
BENGALURU RURAL - 561 204.
5. THE SHO/POLICE INSPECTOR,
DODDABELAVANGALA POLICE STATION,
DODDABALLAPURA TALUK,
BENGALURU DISTRICT - 561 204.
6. THE CHIEF CHAIRPERSON,
KARNATAKA POLICE
COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY,
3RD FLOOR, VISHVESHWARAIAH TOWER,
DR.AMBEDKAR ROAD,
VEEDHI ROAD,
BANGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.C.H.DEVARAJ, GA FOR R1 TO R6)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS DECLARING THAT INSPITE OF THE COMPLAINT DATED 26.12.2025 FILED BY THE PETITIONER VIDE ANNEXURE A. ORDER DATED 17.04.2026 PASSED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.4 VIDE ANNEXURE C AND COMPLAINT DATED 24.05.2026 FILED



BY THE PETITIONER VIDE ANNEXURE-D THE INACTION OF RESPONDENT NO.5 IN REGISTERING THE FIR IS ILLEGAL AND ARBITRARY AND ETC.,

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. Learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice for respondent Nos.1 to 6.
2. Petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:
 - a. *Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus declaring that inspite of the Complaint dated 26.12.2025 filed by the Petitioner Vide Annexure A. Order dated 17.04.2026 passed by the Respondent No.4 Vide Annexure C and Complaint dated 24.05.2026 filed by the Petitioner Vide Annexure-D the inaction of Respondent No. 5 in registering the FIR is illegal and arbitrary. - Annexure-C-vide dated-17/04/26- NO.SDPO/DBP/RTI/Appeal/02/2026.*
 - b. *Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the Respondent No. 5 to register a First Information Report (FIR) based on the Order dated 17.04.2026 passed by the Respondent No.4 Vide Annexure C and based on the written complaint dated 24.05.2026 Vide Annexure-D filed by the Petitioner - Annexure-C, vide dated 17/04/26, NO. SD PO/DBP/RTI/Appeal /02/2026.*



- c. *Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the a senior unaligned officer a fair, time-bound investigation on the said complaint and to recover the stolen property;*
 - d. *Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus directing Respondents No.2 to 4 to initiate appropriate disciplinary proceedings against the Respondent No. 5 for his gross misconduct having intentionally failed and neglected to comply with the direction/order dated 17.04.2026 passed by the Respondent No.4 Annexure-C, vide dated 17/04/26, NO! SDPO/DBP/RTI/Appeal /02/2026.*
 - e. *Issue such other writ, order or direction as may be necessary in the interest of Justice and Equity.*
- 3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the complaints dated 26.12.2025 and 24.05.2026 submitted by the petitioner have not been acted upon by the respondents by registering a crime number despite there being a direction from respondent No.4/Deputy Superintendent of Police at Annexure-C.
- 4. A perusal of the complaints, which have been filed, indicates that the same relate to assault and robbery, which are cognizable offences. When a complaint in respect of a cognizable offence has been made, it would but be required for the Station House Officer to register the same and investigate the said complaint. The same not having been done, I pass the following:



ORDER

- i) Writ petition is ***allowed***.
- ii) Respondents are directed to register a FIR based on the complaints dated 26.12.2025 at Annexure-A, 24.05.2026 at Annexure-D and the order dated 17.04.2026 of respondent No.4 at Annexure-C, and register a FIR within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.

**Sd/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE**