

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE MOUSHUMI BHATTACHARYA
AND
THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE RENUKA YARA**

WRIT PETITION NO: 25190 OF 2026

Between:

Harika Rampuram, W/o. Sandeep Panjala, Age 38 years, Occ: Pvt. Employee,
R/o. 16220 Phoebe Road, Apt 7102, Frisco, Texas, 75035, USA, Presently
residing at Flat no.405, North Kamala Nagar, Kushaiguda, Secunderabad,
Telangana-500062.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. State of Telangana, Department of Home, Represented by Principal Secretary having office at Secretariat Building , Opposite Lumbini Park, Hyderabad.
2. The Station House Officer, Kushaiguda Police Station Beside Bus Stand, ECIL Cross Road, Kushaiguda, Secunderabad, Telangana, 500062
3. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, Uppal Zone, Above Uppal Police Station, Uppal X Road, Hyderabad- 500039
4. Deputy Commissioner of Police Malkajgiri, Uppal Division, 2nd Floor, near Uppal Police Station, Uppal X Road, Hyderabad, 500039.
5. Commissioner of Police Malkajgiri, near Malkajgiri Court Complex, Neredmet, Secunderabad, Telangana-500056.
6. Station House Officer, Mahabubabad Town Police Station, Mahmudabad, Near Mandal Revenue Office, MRO Office Road, Mahabubabad, Telangana, 506101
7. Superintendent of Police, Mahmudabad, Sri Ram Nagar, near the BC Colony Road in Manukota, Mahabubabad, Telangana, PIN 506101.
8. Director General of Police, Telangana having office at Lakdikapul Road, Ravindra Bharathi, Red Hills, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500004

9. Panjala Sandeep. S/o. Panjala Satyanarayana, Age. 43 years, Occ.Pvt Employee, R/o. 5-4-112, Kankarboard, near water tank, Mahabubabad, Telangana. M. 9573719665

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to a) Issue a Writ. Order, or Direction. more particularly one in the nature of a WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, directing the Respondents, and particularly Respondent No. 9, to produce the minor children, namely Ayushi Panjala (daughter) and Avyay Panjala (son), before this Honourable Court b) Upon their production, be pleased to set the minor children at liberty and hand over their custody to the Petitioner, their mother and natural guardian c) Pass such consequential orders as may be necessary to facilitate the safe and immediate return of the Petitioner and the minor children to their country of habitual residence, the United States of America, including a direction to Respondent No. 9 to hand over their passports and other travel documents.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI ABHINAV KRISHNA UPPALURI

**Counsel for the Respondent No.1 to 7: SRI T. RAVI KUMAR, ASST. GP REP. FOR
THE ADDL. ADVOCATE GENERAL**

Counsel for the Respondent No.8: GP FOR HOME

Counsel for the Respondent No.9: SRI K. UDAY KUMAR

The Court made the following: ORDER

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WRIT PETITION No. 25190 of 2026

DATE OF ORDER: 04.08.2026

Between:

Harika Rampuram

...Petitioner

AND

State of Telangana and 8 others.

...Respondent

Mr. Abhinav Krishna Uppaluri, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

Mr. T. Ravi Kumar, the learned Assistant Government Pleader representing the learned Additional Advocate General appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 7.

Mr. K. Uday Kumar, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.9.

ORDER: (Per Hon'ble Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya)

1. The present Writ Petition is filed by the petitioner, who is natural mother and lawful guardian of the minor children/alleged detenues namely Ayushi Panjala and Avyay Panjala, aged about 13 years and 10 years, respectively. The alleged detenues Ayushi Panjala and Avyay Panjala, are the daughter and son, respectively, of the petitioner and the respondent No.9.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the respondent No.9 informed the Court that the petitioner is presently residing in Dallas, Texas, United States of America, where she is employed. The respondent No.9, who is the father of the alleged detenues, is presently residing in Hyderabad. The petitioner sent the alleged detenues to India sometime in the month of May, 2026, to spend their summer vacation with their father, the respondent No.9. The alleged detenues were scheduled to return to the United States of America on 18.07.2026. However, the respondent No.9 did not permit the alleged detenues to return to the United States of America. The Court was further informed that the alleged detenues, who are presently in India, are students of a school in Dallas and are required to return to Dallas, as their school is scheduled to reopen on 12.08.2026.

3. Considering the urgency and facts shown to us on 31.07.2026, we had directed the official respondents to produce the alleged detenues in Court today. The petitioner and the respondent No.9 are also present in Court today.

4. We interacted with the alleged detenues in our chambers to protect their privacy and to ensure that they were comfortable during their interaction with the Court. Upon putting specific questions to the alleged detenues, both individually and jointly, namely, Ayushi Panjala and Aavyay

Panjala, they unequivocally expressed their desire to return to Dallas and to live with their mother (the petitioner). Both Ayushi Panjala and Avyay Panjala also made it clear that they wished to resume their schooling in Dallas. They further stated that they would like the respondent No.9 to visit them in Dallas, but reside in a separate house, so that they can spend a few weekends with the respondent No.9. Significantly, they also stated that they would still prefer to return to Dallas and reside with their mother, if the respondent No.9 is unwilling to visit Dallas .

5. In view of the clear and unequivocal statements made by the alleged detainees, we deem it fit to direct the respondent No. 9 to hand over the custody of the alleged detainees, namely, Ayushi Panjala and Avyay Panjala, to the petitioner today itself. The official respondents shall ensure that both Ayushi Panjala and Avyay Panjala are handed over to the petitioner in Court today. Respondent No.9 is also directed to hand over the passports of the alleged detainees to the petitioner today. The petitioner and the respondent No.9 are present in Court.

Later:

6. After we dictated the order in open Court and passed the direction, Mr. S. Surender Reddy, learned counsel appearing for respondent No. 9, who appeared for the first time in Court today, sought time to advance

arguments on behalf of the respondent No.9. Learned counsel submitted that he had received the notice only yesterday.

7. We deem it fit to record that this matter was taken up for consideration on 31.07.2026. The concerned Section issued Notice to the respondent No.9. It is also relevant to state that we heard the matter during the morning session today i.e., 04.08.2026, in the presence of the counsel appearing for the respondent No. 9. However, Mr. S. Surender Reddy was not present in Court at the time of hearing. In any event, the submissions made on behalf of the respondent No.9 loses relevance in view of the clear statements made by the alleged detainees that they want to reside with their mother/the petitioner in Dallas, USA and resume school in Dallas on or before 12.08.2026, i.e., when the school opens after the summer vacation.

8. W.P.No.25190 of 2016, along with all pending applications, is disposed of in the above terms. There shall be no order as to costs.

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**SD/- C.DEEPIKA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

SECTION OFFICER

To,

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9. One CC to SRI ABHINAV KRISHNA UPPALURI, Advocate [OPUC]
10. One CC to SRI K. UDAY KUMAR, Advocate [OPUC]
11. Two CCs to THE ADVOCATE GENERAL, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
12. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana. [OUT]
13. Two CD Copies

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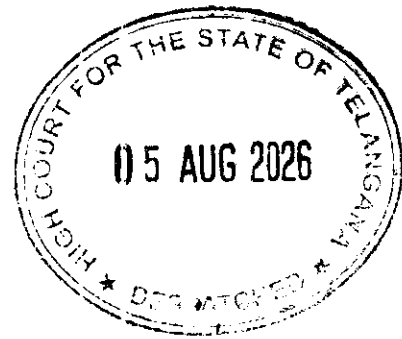
CC TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED: 04/08/2026

ORDER

WP.No.25190 of 2026



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WITHOUT COSTS

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