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WPHC No. 111 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010749602026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.S.BHARATH KUMAR

WRIT PETITION (HABEAS CORPUS) NO.111 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SUDARSHAN B KHUDE
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS,
OCC: ENGINEER
R/O: H.NO. 16, KAIL AMBARI,
BEHIND REX STORES,
NEAR DURGA MATA MANDIR,
BELAGAVI-01

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. ABHIJEET S KANKONKAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

Digitally signed by PAVITHRA N
Location: High Court of Karnataka

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU 560001

2. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT,
CHITRADURGA-577501

3. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,

BADAVANE (EXTENSION) POLICE STATION,
RURAL POLICE STATION
CHITRADURGA 577502

4. THE POLICE SUB-INSPECTOR,
BADAVANE (EXTENSION) POLICE STATION,
RURAL POLICE STATION
CHITRADURGA - 577502

5. SRI PAUL KHUDE,
R/O: NH 4, SEEBARA, IYYANAHALLI,
CHITRADURGA, KARNATAKA - 577502
(FATHER OF THE CORPUS)

NAME OF CORPUS
SMT. SHERYL PAUL KHUDE
AGED ABOUT 21 YEARS,
OCC: STUDENT
R/O NH 4, SEEBARA, IYYANAHALLI,
CHITRADURGA, KARNATAKA - 577502

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. H.A.MANJUNATH PRASANNA, ADV. FOR R5;
SRI. B.N.JAGADISH, SPP FOR R1 TO R4 A/W
MS. DEEPTHI ALVA,)

THIS WPHC IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION, DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT AUTHORITIES TO TRACE AND PRODUCE THE CORPUS ARRAYED AS CORPUS BEFORE THIS COURT FORTHWITH, SO THAT HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS LIBERTY AND CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE ASCERTAINED AND HER CUSTODY BE HANDED OVER TO THE PETITIONER.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.S.BHARATH KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN)

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner as well as the learned State Public Prosecutor and learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

2. We have also interacted with the writ petitioner, alleged detenue and their respective parents.

3. The parents of the detenue expressed reservations about the relationship between the writ petitioner and the alleged detenue. However, the detenue has categorically stated that she wishes to accompany the writ petitioner. The parents of the writ petitioner have informed us that a legal marriage in accordance with the religious rites will be performed between the writ petitioner and the alleged detenue at the earliest.

4. In view of the fact that the alleged detenue is a major and she has expressed her desire to accompany the writ petitioner, she is permitted to do so. However, the undertaking by the writ petitioner as well as his parents that a proper marriage will be conducted at the earliest is recorded. The writ petitioner undertakes not to harass or contact without express consent any member of the detenue's family.

Accordingly, the writ petition is ***disposed of***.

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(K.S.BHARATH KUMAR)
JUDGE

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