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WP No. 7125 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI

WRIT PETITION NO. 7125 OF 2026 (GM-FC)

BETWEEN:

MR APOORV ARVIND BAPAT
S/O MR. ARVIND VINAYAK BAPAT
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
R/O F0722, BRIGADE LAKEFRONT,
SEETARAMPALYA ROAD,
WHITEFIELD, BANGALORE - 560048

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. SONIA RAJESH., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

MS. MONIKA GAJANAN DHOK
D/O MR. GAJANAN LAXMANRAO DHOK,
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS
R/A T 380, BRIGADE LAKEFRONT,
SEETARAMPALYA ROAD,
WHITEFIELD, BANGALORE - 560048

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. ARUN GOVINDRAJ., ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO-ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO MODIFY THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 15.12.2025 PASSED ON IA NO.5 IN G AND WC NO. 424/2025 BY THE HON'BLE PRL. JUDGE FAMILY COURT BENGALURU PRODUCED VIDE ANNX-A. ENHANCE THE VISITATION RIGHTS OF THE PETITIONER BY DIRECTING THAT

THE PETITIONER SHALL BE ENTITLE TO- I. DAILY SCHEDULED VIDEO/VIRTUAL INTERACTION WITH THE MINOR CHILD AT A FIXED AND CONVENIENT TIME OF THE MINOR CHILD; II. COMPLETE WEEKEND VISITATION, INCLUDING OVERNIGHT CUSTODY FROM FRIDAY EVENING 5.00 PM TO SUNDAY EVENING 5.00 PM. III. SHARED VISITATION/ CUSTODY DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS IN A STRUCTURED AND TIME BOUND MANNER. TO LAY DOWN A GRADUATED AND STRUCTURED PARENTING PLAN WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTE SHARED /JOINT PARENTING ENSURING CONTINUED AND MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF BOTH PARENTS IN THE UPBRINGING EMOTIONAL WELL BEING AD DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINOR CHILD.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI

ORAL ORDER

Aggrieved by the order passed on I.A.No.5 dated 15.12.2025 in G & WC No.424/2025 by the Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru, the petitioner, has approached this Court.

2. Both the parties are referred to as the mother and father for the sake of convenience.

3. The Court, by the order impugned, had passed an order whereby it directed the petitioner to bring the minor child

to Visitation Room of Family Court, Nyaya Degula on every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. to enable the respondent to spend time with the child. Both parties shall maintain cordial atmosphere during visitation and shall not speak ill of each other in presence of the child. It was made clear that is only temporary arrangement and once the child develops emotional bond and comfort in the company of the father, it is always open to the respondent to seek expansion of the visitation rights for overmight stay and stay during 50% of the vacations and if any such application is filed, which shall be atleast after six months from today, the same shall be considered by the Court in accordance with law, after personal interaction with the child.

4. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the instant petition on 27.02.2026. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that they have already moved an application before the Court. However, the same is pending consideration. Hence, a direction may be issued to the Family Court to dispose of the matter as expeditiously as possible.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent submits that they will co-operate for the disposal of the said I.A. and have no objection.

6. Considering the fact that the petitioner has already filed an application before the trial court, no further orders requires to be passed in the said petition. However, the trial Court shall dispose of the I.A. filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible. Hence, this Court is passing the following:

ORDER

i. The writ petition is ***disposed of,*** directing the trial Court to dispose of the I.A. filed by the petitioner, seeking parenting time, as expeditiously as possible.

ii. All IA's in the petition shall stand closed.

SD/-
(LALITHA KANNEGANTI)
JUDGE

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