

ITEM NO.30

COURT NO.2

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s).129/2023

VIKTORIIA BASU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[TO BE TAKEN UP AT 2:00 P.M.]

IA No. 158783/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Date : 18-07-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. In compliance of the order dated 17.07.2025, Mr. Ankit Chauhan, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South District, New Delhi has tendered a Status Report, *inter alia*, pointing out that in compliance to orders dated 22.05.2025 and the one which we passed yesterday, appropriate directions were issued to the Deputy Commissioners of Police, South and South East Districts for strict compliance of those directions. It is stated that the rented premises of the petitioner were visited by the officials of the Police Station, Defence Colony in compliance of the order dated 22.05.2025 and a similar discreet exercise has also been continuing thereafter.
2. Moreover, it is submitted that in compliance of our order dated 17.07.2025, the following actions have been taken by the relevant authorities thus far:

- (i) Look Out Circular (LOC) has been issued in respect of the petitioner;
- (ii) Wireless messages have been circulated to all Station House Officers (SHOs) in Delhi and to all Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) across India for assistance in tracing the petitioner and the minor child;
- (iii) "Hue and Cry Notices" have been pasted at prominent locations in and around the jurisdiction of Police Station Defence Colony;
- (iv) Call Detail Records (CDRs) of the mobile numbers used by the petitioner have been obtained and analyzed. It has been observed that both mobile numbers have remained switched off since 07.07.2025. The IMEI numbers of the said phones have been put on technical surveillance to track any usage with new

SIM cards. Reports from the service providers are awaited;

(v) Efforts were made to contact Mrs. Olga Zhingalina, maternal grandmother of the child at Moscow on her mobile number, which she did not pick up. She has not replied to text messages or voice messages also;

(vi) The travel history of the petitioner, holder of Russian Passport No. 756167389, has been obtained from the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRR0). As per records, no international departure has been registered after 03.04.2023;

(vii) CCTV footage from the petitioner's rented premises has been examined. It reveals that the petitioner was last seen leaving the premises with the minor child on 07.07.2025 at around 02:10 PM. Further efforts are ongoing to identify and analyze additional CCTV cameras along with the possible exit routes;

(viii) The caretaker and other residents of the premises at D-332, Defence Colony, New Delhi have been questioned. However, no credible information regarding the petitioner's or the child's current whereabouts has been received so far;

(ix) Official requests have been sent to Instagram and Gmail for access to the petitioner's social media account details. Reply from Instagram has been received, confirming no traceable records pertaining to the petitioner's account. Response from Gmail is awaited;

(x) It has also been found that the minor child had last attended the school in online mode on 07.07.2025.

(xi) On enquiry from the bank authority for the bank account linked to the petitioner, Canara Bank has reported that last transaction has been made on 06.07.2025 of Rs.220/- and thereafter no usage/transaction has been reported.

3. Mrs. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General of India, appearing on behalf of the Delhi Police, assures that all possible efforts are being made to trace the petitioner along with

the minor child. According to her instructions, the petitioner does not seem to have left the country through legal means so far. However, further investigation is going on to form a definite opinion in this regard.

4. It is directed that the Delhi Police, with the coordination of the Ministry of External Affairs, will continue to establish regular contact with the Russian Embassy in order to reach out those officials and/or foreign nationals who are stated to be closely associated with the petitioner.

5. Similarly, the Police Authorities will contact the Railway Authorities and get information from all major Railway Stations or other such places to find out as to whether the petitioner is still in NCR or has left to another destination by road, rail or other modes of transportation.

6. In that regard, Respondent No.2 - husband and his family state they have some information that may assist the Police in tracing the petitioner and bring the investigation to some logical conclusion. It is, accordingly, directed that they may be actively associated in the ongoing exercise.

7. A fresh Status Report in this regard be filed on Monday, i.e., 21.07.2025.

8. Post the matter for further hearing on Monday, i.e., 21.07.2025, as the last item.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR