

SECTION X

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

SUO MOTO WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) No(s).3/2025

IN RE: VICTIMS OF DIGITAL ARREST RELATED TO FORGED DOCUMENTS

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 285112/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 272915/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 285111/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 276131/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 286533/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 284590/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 283419/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Date : 17-11-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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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. On the oral request of learned *amicus curiae*, Ms. Sthavi Asthana is appointed as her Advocate-on-Record and Mr. C. Kannan, is appointed as her assisting counsel to file pleadings, etc., on her behalf.
2. A note has been submitted by the learned *amicus* in a sealed cover, a copy whereof has been handed over to the learned Solicitor-General of India today in the Court. The same is taken on record.
3. Learned Solicitor-General of India seeks and is granted time till 24.11.2025 to formulate the directions that may be required to be issued by this Court at the threshold.

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1. The application is allowed, and the applicant is permitted to assist the Court as an intervenor.
2. The affidavit filed by the applicant is taken on record. A complete set of the documents filed by the intervenor may be handed over to the learned *amicus curiae*.
3. Meanwhile, the suspect/accused - Vijay Khanna and his co-accused, who have been arrested, shall not be released on bail by any Court till the investigation is taken to its logical conclusion. However, he shall be at liberty to apply to this Court for appropriate direction(s).
4. The e-mail of the learned *amicus* is amicus.digital-arrest@nappinai.com. All other complaints/letter-petition(s) may be forwarded to the learned *amicus* at the above-mentioned e-mail ID.
5. Post the matter for further consideration on 24.11.2025.

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(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR