पोलिस तपासात आम्ही सहकार्यास तयार!

सौरभ : चार व्यवस्थापकांच्या जामिनावर आज आदेश

म्हापसा ता. २२ (प्रतिनिधी): हडफडे बर्च क्लब दुर्घटनेप्रकरणी, म्हापसा जेएमएफसी कोर्टाने लुथरा बंधूंच्या पोलिस कोठडीत आणखीन ४ दिवसांची वाढ केली. तर, संशयित अजय गुप्ता याची ११ दिवसांसाठी न्यायालयीन कोर्टात म्हणजे कोलवाळ कारागृहात रवानगी केली आहे. यावेळी लुथरा बंधूंतर्फे संशयित सौरभने, न्यायालयासमोर आम्ही तपासात सहकार्य करू, असे तोंडी सांगितले. दरम्यान, क्लबच्या चार व्यवस्थापकांच्या जामीन अर्जावर उद्या मंगळवारी (२३) म्हापसा अतिरिक्त सत्र न्यायालय आदेश देईल.

सोमवारी (२२) दुपारच्या सत्रात, संशयित सौरभ व गौरव लुथरा या दोघांना हणजूण पोलिसांनी म्हापसा जेएमएफसी कोर्टात आणले. त्यांची पाच दिवसांची पोलिस कोठडी संपुष्टात आल्याने, दोघांना पुन्हा अतिरिक्त कोठडीसाठी न्यायालयात उभे केले होते. सरकारी वकिलांनी न्यायालयास सांगितले की, संशयितांनी क्लबसाठी जो करार केला होता, त्या कागदपत्रांत बोगसपणा केला आहे. याची चौकशी गरजेची आहे. कोर्टात अर्ज करून, संशयितांचा ताबा आपल्याकडे चौकशीसाठी (ट्रान्सफर) द्यावा, अशी मागणी केली. यावर मंगळवारी न्यायालय आदेश देईल.

म्हापसा : संशयित सौरभ लुथरा यास न्यायालयातून घेऊन जाताना पोलिस.

जोशी कुटुंबीयांची हस्तक्षेप याचिका

■ लुथरा बंधूंच्या प्रकरणात, दिल्लीतील पीडित पर्यटक जोशी कुटुंबीयांनी हस्तक्षेप याचिका दाखल केली आहे. त्यानुसार, ॲड. विष्णू जोशी हे या पीडित कुटुंबीयांकडून कोर्टात सोमवारी हजर राहिले होते. या आगीच्या प्रकरणात पोलिस तपासात रोज नवीन तथ्ये समोर येताहेत. त्यामुळे लुथरा बंधूंची कोठडी आवश्यक आहे, असे त्यांनी न्यायालयासमोर सांगितले.

मनी लाँडरिंगच्या दृष्टीने तपास गरजेचा!

म्हापसा ता. २२ (प्रतिनिधी): लुथरा बंधू व अजय गुप्ता या तिघांनी बोगस कागदपत्रांच्या आधारे, अबकारी परवाना मिळविला. याप्रकरणी म्हापसा पोलिस स्थानकात गुन्हा नोंद केला आहे. तिघेही, दुर्घटनाग्रस्त बर्च क्लब कोणत्याही परवानग्यांशिवाय इतके महिने चालवत होते. यात कोट्यवधींची उलाढाल झाली असून, मनी लाँडरिंगचा दाट संशय आहे. हा पैसा नक्की कुठल्या देशात पाठवला जात होता, याचाही तपास होणे आवश्यक आहे, असे ॲड.विष्णू जोशी म्हणाले.

कारण, कर बुडवेगिरी झाली आहे. तसेच संशयितांच्या एकूण ४२ शेल कंपन्या आहेत. या सर्व आर्थिक उलाढालाची केंद्रीय तपास यंत्रणा जसे की, ईडी, सीबीआयमार्फत चौकशी झालीच पाहिजे, अशी मागणी ॲड. जोशी यांनी केली आहे. बर्च दुर्घटना प्रकरणाच, आर्थिक व्यवहारच्या दृष्टिकोनातून देखील तपास होणे तितकेच अनिवार्य असल्याचेही जोशी म्हणाले.

Police book Luthra brothers for forging health centre NOC

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Saurabh and Gaurav Luthra, the owners of Birch by Romeo Lane nightclub that was destroyed in a fire at Arpora recently, leading to the loss of 25 lives, have been booked by the Mapusa police in connection with a forged No-Objection Certificate (NOC) of Candolim primary health centre.

Co-owner of the nightclub Ajay Gupta has also been booked for the offence, said police.

The Mapusa JMFC court on Monday extended the police custody of the Luthra brothers by four days. The court also sent Gupta to 11-day judicial custody.

Counsel for the victims Advocate Vishnu Joshi said a forged NOC was submitted by the Luthra brothers for obtaining excise permission.

The Mapusa police have moved an application to seek the transfer of Gupta's custody for investigation and the matter will be heard on Tuesday.

It may be noted that the Luthra brothers were nabbed in Thailand and brought to India in connection with the nightclub fire case, while Gupta was detained in Delhi. They were subsequently arrested by Goa police.

Seeking extended police custody of the Luthra brothers, counsel for prosecution informed the court that the duo had forged an agreement pertaining to the nightclub and said the same needs to be investigated. The counsel for prosecution also informed the court that another offence has been registered against the Luthra brothers for forging an NOC from the Candolim primary health centre, which also needs to be probed. When the court asked the Luthra brothers if they wanted to say anything, Saurabh said they will cooperate in the investigation. Counsel for the victims, the Joshi family, filed an intervention petition before the court.

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Joshi further informed that an additional FIR has been filed against Ajay Gupta for allegedly submitting a forged police verification document.

The advocate also stated that the victims' families would seek the intervention of central investigating agencies, including the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED), and the Income Tax Department, to probe the matter. He alleged that the Luthra brothers own as many as 42 companies, many of which could be shell entities, and called for a detailed investigation into the source and utilisation of funds generated through these firms.

Arpora fire tragedy: Luthras' custody extended by four days

Third partner Ajay Gupta remanded to 14-day judicial custody

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Mapusa, on Monday extended the police custody of the Luthra brothers by four more days in connection with the fire tragedy at the Birch by Romeo Lane nightclub in Arpora.

The Delhi-based owners of the nightclub will now be produced before the JMFC, Mapusa, on December 26.

Police sought the extension of custody to further investigate alleged forged documents that were reportedly submitted by the accused to obtain statutory permissions for operating the nightclub. Mapusa Police have also moved an application seeking transit custody of the accused.

Meanwhile, the JMFC Mapusa court remanded Ajay Gupta, the third partner of the nightclub, to 14 days of judicial custody.

Advocate Vishnu Joshi, who is also representing the families of the victims in the Arpora fire incident, said that a health certificate used to obtain the initial trade licence for Birch by Romeo Lane was found to be forged.

He added that an FIR has been registered against the club's owners, Gaurav and Saurav Luthra, in this connection.

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Police book Luthra brothers for forging health centre NOC

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Advocate Vishnu Joshi said new facts are emerging everyday in the police investigation into the nightclub fire case and hence the custody of Luthra brothers was necessary. Advocate Joshi said that besides the Goa police, there is also a need for the central agencies like ED, CBI and I-T to intervene and investigate into huge financial transactions of the nightclub, "as the club was operating without trade licence."

Speaking to media, Joshi said Goa police are doing a good job as new facts are coming to light, including a forged NOC submitted for obtaining excise permission. Besides, co-owner of the nightclub Gupta had allegedly forged a police verification certificate of Delhi police, he said.

"Currently, investigations are ongoing with regard to 42 companies of the Luthra brothers which are under scanner. It is suspected that the firms could be shell companies. Besides, 27 restaurants are operating," Joshi said raising questions about their operation.