

Luthra brothers get 5-day police custody

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Later, the brothers were taken to Anjuna police station, where a heavy police force had been deployed since morning.

They were produced before the JMFC court around 3.30 pm. During the hearing, Saurabh complained that he had a 'tailbone issue,' while Gaurav informed the lower court that he was experiencing numbness in his left leg.

Citing health issues, the duo demanded that they be given 'special consideration.' After the hearing, court directed that the accused be again sent for a fresh medical examination to the dis-

trict hospital to check on their health condition. After the medical examination, the court was informed that the brothers are medically fit. Following which, their demands were rejected by the court, which directed the police to provide all the medicines prescribed by doctors on time.

Advocate Vishnu Joshi, appearing on behalf of Bhavana Joshi who lost four of her family members in the nightclub inferno, said during the hearing that the Luthra brothers were seeking 'special consideration' citing health issues, "which were opposed by the state prosecution and also by us".

"We have prayed that no extra relaxation should be given to them. There are 25 victims' families. This is a mass genocide tragedy," Vishnu Joshi said.

He further added that since the brothers persistently spoke about medical conditions, the court ordered a re-examination of their health. After the medical examination, it was clear that they didn't need any 'special consideration.' Hence, the court decided against giving any relaxation and granted a five-day remand, Vishnu Joshi said.

The brothers will now be produced again before the

JMFC on December 22.

After the fire tragedy in Arpora village, the Anjuna police had registered a case against the brothers on various charges, including culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

The brothers were arrested in Delhi on Tuesday after being deported from Thailand. The Goa Police had taken the Luthra brothers into their custody on arrival at Delhi airport. They had first been medically examined and then were produced before the Patiala court.

There, the court had granted a 48-hour transit remand.

The duo had fled to Phuket in Thailand early on December 7, hours after the fire at their nightclub, prompting the authorities to issue an Interpol Blue Corner Notice and cancel their passports.

They were detained by Thai authorities at Phuket on December 11 following a request from the Indian government, which later coordinated with officials in Thailand to deport them under legal treaties between the two nations.

Five managers and staff members of the nightclub have already been arrested by the police in connection with the fire.

Goa court remands Luthra brothers to 5-day police custody

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PANAJI

A court in North Goa on Wednesday remanded Gaurav and Saurabh Luthra, co-owners of the 'Birch by Romeo Lane' nightclub, in police custody for five days.

The brothers, brought to Goa from Delhi after being deported from Thailand in connection with the December 6 blaze that killed 25, were produced in the court after undergoing health check-ups twice at the District Hospital in North Goa.

Judicial Magistrate First Class Mapusa Puja Sardesai remanded the two brothers in police custody for five days.

Advocate Vishnu Joshi, representing Bhavana Joshi who lost four family members in the tragedy, said that the accused were asking for "special consideration" claiming poor health. "We said they should not be given any extra relaxation," he said, adding that the court has taken cognisance of the fact that this is about the death of "25 people in the form of mass genocide".

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One of the Luthra brothers coming out after check-up in Mapusa on Wednesday. PTI

amination that they don't require any consideration. The accused sought special considerations in the lock-up like a good mattress, which the court refused," said Mr. Joshi.

Double check-up

A team of the Goa Police, along with the Luthra brothers, arrived at the Manohar International Airport, Mopa, at 10.45 a.m. The duo was initially taken to a Primary Health Centre at Siolim for medical examination. They were then taken to the District Hospital at Mapusa. After their health assessment, the two were brought to the court.

The court directed that the accused be sent for fresh medical examination. Accordingly, the two were again taken to the District Hospital.

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बर्च दुर्घटना हा एक नरसंहारच : अॅड. जोशी

या दुर्घटनेत दिल्लीतील जोशी कुटुंबातील चौघांचा मृत्यू झाला होता. पीडित कुटुंबियांच्या वतीने अॅड. विष्णू जोशी यांनी म्हापसा न्यायालयात लेखी म्हणणे मांडले. लुथरा बंधूंना कोणतीही विशेष सवलत न देता पोलीस कोठडी द्यावी, अशी मागणी त्यांनी केली. अॅड. जोशी म्हणाले की, सुनावणीवेळी लुथरा बंधूंनी आरोग्याच्या तक्रारी असल्याचे भासविण्याचा प्रयत्न केला. त्यांची वैद्यकीय

फेरतपासणी झाली. बर्च दुर्घटना हा नरसंहार होता. त्यात २५ निष्पाप लोकांनी जीव गमावला. संशयितांना जास्तीत जास्त शिक्षा व्हावी, अशी आमची मागणी आहे. त्यांच्या जामीन अर्जालाही आम्ही विरोध करू. हा क्लब संशयित व त्यांचे भागीदार वैध परवान्यांशिवाय चालवत होते. या भ्रष्टाचारात कोणकोण सहभागी होते, याची सखोल चौकशी झाली पाहिजे.

आरोग्याची समस्या असताना पलायन कसे ?

संशयित आरोपींची पोलीस चौकशी करण्यासाठी त्यांची कोठडी आवश्यक आहे. संशयितांच्या साथीदारांची भूमिका, निर्णय प्रक्रिया, आर्थिक बाबी, कार्यक्रमांच्या परवानगी, इतर भागीदार, व्यवस्थापक व आयोजकांचा सहभाग यातून निश्चित करता येईल. तसेच कागदपत्रे, डिजिटल पुरावे, व्यवसायाशी संबंधित बनावट कागदपत्रे तयार करण्यासाठी वापरलेली उपकरणे हस्तगत करायची आहेत. संशयित वैद्यकीय कारणास्तव झोपण्यासाठी गादीची मागणी करतात. आरोग्याची समस्या असताना त्यांनी पलायन का केले, असा युक्तिवाद सरकारी वकिलांनी केला.

भरतसिंग कोहलीचा जामिनासाठी अर्ज

बर्च अग्नितांडव दुर्घटना प्रकरणी अटक केलेला भरतसिंग कोहली याने जामिनासाठी मेरशी येथील सत्र न्यायालयात अर्ज केला आहे. संशयित विवेक सिंग, प्रियांशू ठाकूर आणि राजवीर सिंघानिया यांच्या जामीन अर्जावर गुरुवार, १८ रोजी म्हापसा अतिरिक्त सत्र न्यायालयात सुनावणी होणार आहे.

ARPORA NIGHTCLUB FIRE

JMFC sends Luthra brothers to five days' police custody

Dismisses health claims, refuses special treatment

Team Herald

MAPUSA: The Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Mapusa, on Wednesday remanded Gaurav and Saurabh Luthra, owners of the Birch by Romeo Lane night club at Arpora, to five days' police custody in connection with the devastating fire incident that claimed 25 lives on December 7.

The brothers were produced before the court after undergoing a series of medical examinations following their arrival in the State earlier in the day. A Goa Police team, accompanied by the accused, landed at Manohar International Airport, Mopa, at around 10.45 am. After completing formalities, the Anjuna police escorted the duo to the Primary Health Centre at Siolim for an initial medical check-up, following which they were taken to the North Goa District Hospital at Mapusa for further examination. The process lasted over an hour.

A heavy police convoy, comprising six jeeps, escorted the accused from the airport to the medical facilities. Eyewitnesses said the two brothers were transported in separate vehicles.

After the medical examinations, the Luthras were produced before JMFC Puja Sardesai at Mapusa, where the Anjuna police sought



The Luthra brothers being escorted out of the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mapusa, under heavy police presence

10 days of police custody to further their investigation into the fire tragedy. The hearing, however, was briefly interrupted when one of the accused complained of chest pain and was taken back to the district hospital for evaluation. Following the resumption of proceedings, the court granted five days' police custody of both the accused.

Advocate Vishnu Joshi, representing Bhavana Joshi from Delhi, who lost four members of her family in the blaze, told the court that the accused were seeking "special consideration" on the grounds of ill health. "We said they

should not be given any extra relaxation. The State government advocate also opposed it," he said, adding that the court had taken cognisance of the fact that the case involved the death of "25 people in the form of mass genocide."

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प्रकृती इतकी गंभीर होती तर विदेशात पळून का गेलात?

लुथरांविरुद्धात सरकारी वकिलांचा युक्तिवाद

म्हापसा ता. १७ : हडफडे येथील दुर्घटनेवेळी पोलिस व अग्निशमन यंत्रणा पीडितांसाठी बचावकार्य राबवत होती, तेव्हा संस्थितानी दुर्घटनेच्या दीड तासांतच मध्यरात्री १.१७ वाजता पल्ल्याच्या इराद्याने थायलंडसाठी टिकिट बूक केले होते. हा प्रकार भावनाशून्य तसेच धक्कादायक होता. संस्थिताने आपणास पोलिस कोठडी नको, अशी मागणी केली. कारण पाठदुखी, मग इतकी आरोग्याची गंभीर समस्या होती तर आंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानाने इतके अंतर कापून विदेशात (थायलंडला) पळून का गेले? असा जोरदार युक्तिवाद राज्य सरकारकडून साहाय्यक सरकारी वकील तेजस पवार यांनी बुधवारी म्हापसा न्यायालयात केला.

मज्जी कोणाच्या संगनमताने दोघेही लुथरा बंधू वैद्य परवान्याशिवाय बर्च कलत्र आवारात व्यवसाय चालवत होते, त्या त्यांच्या साक्षीदारांचा शोध घेण्यासाठी संस्थित लुथरा बंधूंची पोलिस कोठडी गरजेची

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बर्च दुर्घटनेत दिल्लीतील जोशी कुटुंबीयांचे चौघेजण मृत्युमुखी पडले होते. या पीडित कुटुंबीयांच्या वतीने, वकील विष्णू जोशी यांनीही म्हापसा कोर्टात आपले लेखी म्हणणे मांडले. तसेच लुथरा बंधूंना पोलिस कोठडी द्यावी व त्यांना कोणतीही विशेष सवलत देऊ नये, अशी मागणी लावून धरली. अ.ड. विष्णू जोशी म्हणाले की, बर्च दुर्घटना हा एक नरसंहार होता.

दोघेही थेट जबाबदार : लुथरा बंधू हे आस्थापनाचे

मालक व भागीदार असल्याने त्यांचे व त्यांच्या साक्षीदारांचे आस्थापनेतील कामकाज, सुरक्षा व्यवस्था, परवानग्या व कार्यक्रमांवर अंतिम नियंत्रण होते. परिणामी, दोघेही बेकायदेशीर कृत्ये व चुकांसाठी थेट जबाबदार आहेत. वैधानिक परवानग्याशिवाय संस्थित व्यवसाय चालवत होते, असेही राज्य सरकारने आज न्यायालयासमोर सांगितले.