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Chinnaswamy Stampede: The Karnataka High Court prevents RCB and DNA representatives from being arrested



Additionally, the State informed the Court that it will not take action regarding two other FIRs filed in relation to the same matter.

In the case involving the stampede at Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday barred the Bengaluru police from making any arrests or using any form of coercion against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) executives or the event management firm DNA.

The Special Public Prosecutor's (SPP) declaration that the police will not pursue the two subsequent FIRs filed in relation to the same matter was also noted by Justice **SR Krishna Kumar**.

According to the SPP, the investigation will only go further in the FIR that the Crime Investigation Department (CID) is looking into.

"It is also submitted that since the investigation is underway, they [police] will not proceed further in terms of crime numbers 124/2025 and 125/2025 since the contents of the FIR and the subject are one and the same and they arise out of the same action," the Court stated in its ruling.

Additionally, the petitioners (RCB and DNA) were directed by the court to assist with the investigation.

According to Justice Kumar, this arrangement will remain in effect until the July 8 hearing.

The Bench issued the ruling in response to applications submitted by DNA, an event management firm, and Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited (RCSPL), the business that controls RCB.

Following their recent Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket victory, the RCB team celebrated their victory at Chinnaswamy Stadium thanks to DNA.

In criminal cases filed in relation to the stampede that occurred outside the Chinnaswamy stadium on June 4, both businesses are facing charges.

Following the RCB cricket team's first IPL triumph in eighteen years, a sizable crowd gathered at the stadium in the hopes of meeting them, and then the stampede broke out.

Although the stadium was only designed to hold about 33,000 people, it is reported that about 5 lakh people flocked there to participate in the event.

The resulting rush left 56 people injured and 11 dead.

The State accused the event organizers of not properly informing the State authorities about the event, and the organizers accused the State authorities of failing to take adequate action to control the expected audience.

Officials from the RCB, the event management firm DNA, and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), which decides stadium rentals, are the targets of a criminal prosecution.

In the end, all of the accused corporations challenged the criminal cases filed against them in a High Court motion. In relation to the same subject, the High Court had previously granted the KSCA temporary relief.

Additionally, interim bail has been granted to DNA and RCB officials who were previously arrested in connection with the case, including Nikhil Sosale, the marketing head for RCB.

Notably, a suo motu case has also been started in the issue by the High Court. The KSCA, RCB, and DNA were formally admitted as parties to this suo motu lawsuit today by a bench consisting of Acting Chief Justice **V Kameswar Rao** and Justice **CM Joshi**.

Additionally, the Court stated that it will designate an amicus to support it in the case. It had previously asked the State for a status report on the causes of the stampede and the steps that should be taken to avoid future disasters of this kind.

In a sealed cover, the State has turned in a report.

The next hearing on this case is scheduled on Monday, June 23.