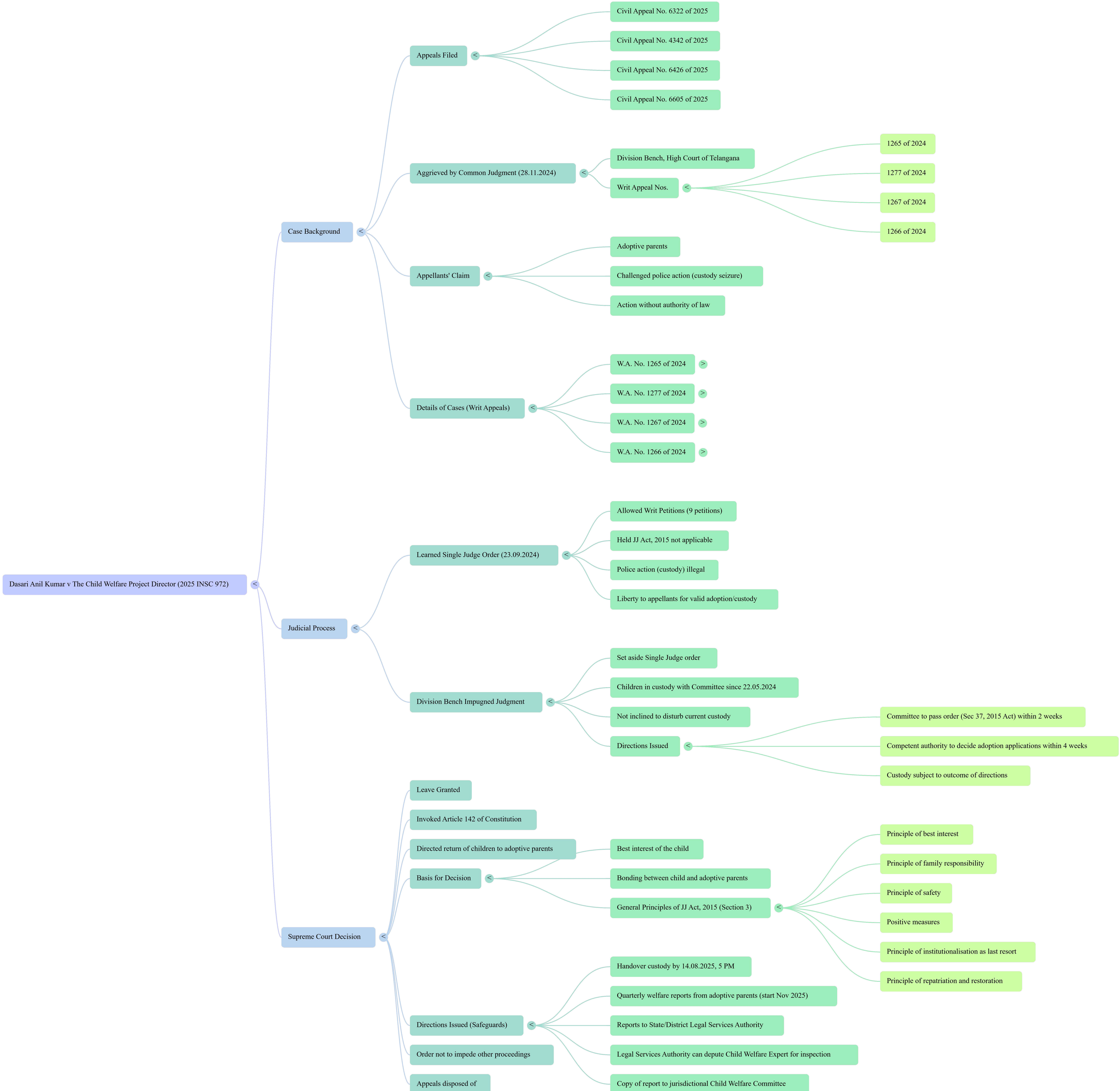
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Case Background
Appeals Filed
Civil Appeal No. 6322 of 2025
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Aggrieved by Common Judgment (28.11.2024)
Division Bench, High Court of Telangana
Writ Appeal Nos.
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Appellants' Claim
Adoptive parents
Challenged police action (custody seizure)
Action without authority of law
Details of Cases (Writ Appeals)
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Judicial Process
Learned Single Judge Order (23.09.2024)
Allowed Writ Petitions (9 petitions)
Held JJ Act, 2015 not applicable
Police action (custody) illegal
Liberty to appellants for valid adoption/custody
Division Bench Impugned Judgment
Set aside Single Judge order
Children in custody with Committee since 22.05.2024
Not inclined to disturb current custody
Directions Issued
Committee to pass order (Sec 37, 2015 Act) within 2 weeks
Competent authority to decide adoption applications within 4 weeks
Custody subject to outcome of directions
Supreme Court Decision
Leave Granted
Invoked Article 142 of Constitution
Directed return of children to adoptive parents
Basis for Decision
Best interest of the child
Bonding between child and adoptive parents
General Principles of JJ Act, 2015 (Section 3)
Principle of best interest
Principle of family responsibility
Principle of safety
Positive measures
Principle of institutionalisation as last resort
Principle of repatriation and restoration
Directions Issued (Safeguards)
Handover custody by 14.08.2025, 5 PM
Quarterly welfare reports from adoptive parents (start Nov 2025)
Reports to State/District Legal Services Authority
Legal Services Authority can depute Child Welfare Expert for inspection
Copy of report to jurisdictional Child Welfare Committee
Order not to impede other proceedings
Appeals disposed of