



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UMESH M ADIGA

WRIT PETITION NO. 35133 OF 2025 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. LEKHANA M
D/O MALLESH G B
AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS
R/AT #836/5, SANTHOSI MAA,
3RD MAIN, 1ST CROSS,
SARASHWATHI NAGAR,
A BLOCK, NITTUVALLI,
DAVANAGERE - 577 004
2. SANTHOSH NAIK
S/O TAKRYA NAIK
AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS,
R/AT DODDATANDA, HOLEBENAVALI,
SHIVAMOGA - 577 222
3. NEHA D
D/O K DIVAKAR
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,
R/AT DURGA NILAYA,
2ND CROSS, HOSAMANE,
SHIVAMOGA - 577 201.
4. RAKESH
S/O PUTTA NAIK
AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS,
R/AT RANGENAHALLI VILLAGE,
BIRUR HOBLI, KADUR TQ,
CHIKMANGALURU DISTRICT - 577 548.

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5. PAVAN M
S/O MALLESH NAIK,
AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,
R/AT NEAR FLOOR MILL,
KASHIPURA, MALLAPURA POST,
CHANNAGIRI TQ.
DAVANAGERE DT. – 577 218.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. RAGHAVENDRA A.S., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY
18TH CROSS ROAD, SAMPIGE ROAD,
MALLESHWARAM, BENGALURU – 560 012

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. ANITHA N., AGA FOR
SRI. REUBEN JACOB, AAG FOR R1;
SRI. N K RAMESH, ADV. FOR R2)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO i) ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER, OR DIRECTION, QUASHING THE SEAT MATRIX FOR PG MEDICAL COURSES 2025 DATED 11/11/2025 (ANNEXURE-F) WITH RESPECT TO SC CATEGORY, INSOFAR AS IT INTRODUCES AND IMPLEMENTS THE SUB-CLASSIFICATION OF SEATS FOR SCHEDULED CASTE CANDIDATES INTO SC(a), SC(b) AND SC(c) CATEGORIES AND ETC.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:



CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UMESH M ADIGA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI)

The submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners is that the seat matrix for PG Medical Courses of 2025 dated 11.11.2025 with respect to the Scheduled Caste category, insofar as it introduces and implements sub-classification of seats for Scheduled Caste candidates into SC(a), SC(b) and SC(c) categories, is wholly illegal and therefore, it deserves to be set aside.

2. The learned Additional Advocate General Sri.Reuben Jacob assisted by Smt.Anita N., the learned Additional Government Advocate has stated that the internal reservation details with regard to admission had been implemented on the basis of a notification of 25.08.2025. It is stated that this sub-classification of the Schedule Caste categories in which overall 17% reservation is accorded, comprises of 6% reservation for SC(a), 6% reservation for SC(b) and, 5% reservation for SC(c). His contention is that the



petitioners fall under SC(c) category as per their own admission. It is stated that, that being the case, the petitioners can have no grounds as to the category of reservation particularly when the notification implementing the aforesaid sub-classification is not under challenge in the present petition.

3. The learned counsel for the Karnataka Examinations Authority states that the admitted case of the petitioners is that they are in sub-category (c) of Scheduled Caste candidates, which classification was implemented by means of notification of 25.08.2025. He states that in the mock allotment list, three of the petitioners namely petitioner Nos.1, 3 and 4 respectively Lekhana M, Neha D and Rakesh have already obtained admission. It is stated that, that being the case, and given the fact that the seat allotment is being done wholly in a computerized environment without there being any manual intervention, in strict compliance of the order of merit, this petition deserves to be dismissed. It is further stated by him that the final list is to be declared tomorrow.

4. In view of the respective statements made at the bar by the Additional Advocate General and by the learned



counsel appearing for the KEA, we find no reason to interfere in this petition. For the reasons aforesaid, this petition is dismissed.

In view of dismissal of this petition, pending I.A.No.1/2025 stands dismissed.

Sd/-
(JAYANT BANERJI)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(UMESH M ADIGA)
JUDGE

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