



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 2190 OF 2025 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

MRS SUMA MANJUNATH N
WIFE OF MR. MANJUNATH
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
R/AT SF 01, 2ND FLOOR
SAI GOKULAM, NO. 50
SANTHRUPTI NAGAR
6TH MAIN ROAD, J. P. NAGAR
7TH PHASE, BANGALORE-560 078.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SWAMY N B N., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
JNANA SANGAMA, VTU MAIN ROAD
BELAGAVI-590 018
BY ITS REGISTRAR.
2. THE PRINCIPAL
SRI. VENKATESHWARA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,
VIDYANAGAR, BANGALORE-562 157.
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SANTHOSH S NAGARALE., ADVOCATE FOR R1:
SRI D A SHIVAKUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE R-2 THE PRINCIPAL, SRI. VENKATESHWARA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, BANGALORE TO RETURN HER ORIGINAL 10TH STD / SSLC MARKS CARD, B.E. AND M.TECH DEGREE CERTIFICATES SUBMITTED BY HER AT THE TIME OF JOINING THE INSTITUTION WITHIN A TIME FRAME AND ETC.

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KARNATAKA



THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

1. In this petition, the petitioner sought for the following reliefs:

a) issue a Writ of Mandamus or any appropriate Writ or Order or direction in the nature of Writ directing the Respondent No.2, The Principal, Sri. Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Bangalore to return her original 10th Std/SSLC Marks Card, B.E. and M. Tech degree certificates submitted by her at the time of joining the institution within a time frame;

b) issue a Writ of Mandamus or any appropriate Writ or Order or direction in the nature of Writ directing the Respondent No.2, The Principal, Sri. Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Bangalore to pay her difference of salary for the period of four months from May 2024 to September 2024 in accordance with salary stipulated under AICTE Regulations, 2019;

c) issue a Writ of Mandamus or any appropriate



Writ or Order or direction in the nature of Writ directing the Respondent No.2, The Principal, Sri. Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Bangalore to pay her salary for the month of September 2024; and

d) pass such further order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

2. The petitioner was appointed as an Assistant Professor in Department of Computer Science and Engineering in respondent No.2-College vide appointment order dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure-A) on probationary for a period of 2 years. As per the terms and conditions of the appointment order under the Termination and Relieving Policy, if the faculty member or staff resigns during the middle of the academic year, they are required to pay three months salary along with three months written notice. The petitioner has resigned on 18.09.2024 i.e., during the academic year. Thereafter, she has submitted a representation for returning the original documents, which



was submitted with respondent No.2 at the time of her appointment.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.2 submitted that the petitioner has resigned on 18.09.2024 i.e., during the middle of the academic year. As per the terms of the appointment order dated 20.05.2024 at Annexure-A, the petitioner has to pay three months salary along with three months written notice. If the petitioner pays three months salary, her original documents will be returned.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondent No.2 is due to pay 15 days salary to the petitioner.

5. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of. The petitioner is directed to pay three months salary to respondent No.2, after deducting the salary due payable by the respondent No.2. On receipt of such payment, respondent No.2 is directed to return all the original



documents, which was submitted by the petitioner at the time of her appointment, within one week from the date of payment by the petitioner.

Sd/-
(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE

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