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NC: 2026:KHC:48502
WP No. 2424 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2424 OF 2022 (L-PF)

BETWEEN:

M/S SENTINEL SECURITY
NO.642 1ST FLOOR
17TH CROSS, 4TH MAIN ROAD
INDIRA NAGAR 2ND STAGE
BANGALORE-560 038
REP. BY ITS PROPRIETOR.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. HARIKRISHNA PRAMOD., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE ASSISTANT PROVIDENT COMMISSIONER
AND RECOVERY OFFICER
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL OFFICE K R PURAM
NO.F 28 N S U BLOCK
I T I CAMPUS DOORVANI NAGAR
BANGALORE-560 016.
2. THE BRANCH MANAGER
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
INDIRA NAGAR BRANCH
776, 100 FT ROAD, HAL 2ND STAGE
INDIRA NAGAR, BANGALORE -560 038.
3. THE BHARAT GOLD MINES LIMITED
SWARNA BHAVAN OORGAUM P O
KOLAR GOLD FIELDS, KARNATAKA -563120

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MURTHY

Location: HIGH
COURT OF
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REPRESENTED BY ITS
MANAGING DIRECTOR

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. NANDITA HALDIPUR, ADVOCATE FOR R1:
SRI T RAJARAM, ADVOCATE FOR R3:
R2 SERVED)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE ORDER
PASSED BY THE R-1 PRODUCED AS ANNEXURE-D DATED:
23.12.2021 BEARING NO: KN/PF/KRP/RECOVERY
CELL/19290/2021 AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY,
ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

1. This petition is filed by the petitioner under Article 226 of the Constitution of India challenging the order dated 23.12.2021 passed by respondent No.1 vide Annexure-D.
2. The petitioner is a proprietary firm engaged in the business of procuring people to work as security guards to suit the requirements of the employers. Petitioner had entered into an agreement with respondent No.3 for providing men for security purposes on 15.12.2003. On 28.02.2011, respondent No.1-Organization passed an order directing the petitioner to deposit a sum of about



Rs.29,00,000/- as provident fund dues for the men provided to respondent No.3 for security purposes. The petitioner has challenged the said order before Employees Provident Appellate Tribunal at New Delhi on 07.05.2011 and obtained an interim order. Thereafter, the appeal was transferred to the Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court at Bengaluru. The transfer of the appeal to Bengaluru was not within the knowledge of the petitioner and the appeal was dismissed by Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court at Bangalore on 16.10.2020 for non-prosecution. The petitioner was not aware of the dismissal of that appeal. After the said dismissal, when respondent No.1 on 16.03.2021 issued a demand notice, the petitioner came to know about the same. Immediately, the petitioner filed an application for recalling the order of dismissal on 12.10.2021. In the meanwhile, while the said application was pending consideration, respondent No.1 issued a Prohibitory Order dated 23.12.2021 to the petitioner and



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respondent No.2, prohibiting the petitioner from operating the account and further directing the transfer of the balance amount as well as future credits in the account to respondent No.1. Being aggrieved by the same, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the dismissal order was recalled on 24.08.2026 and the appeal is now restored to file.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent submits that since the appeal filed by the petitioner is pending before the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, the petitioner can pursue the case before the Tribunal and this writ petition may be disposed of.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that till the appeal filed by the petitioner is considered by the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, the interim order granted by this Court on 09.02.2022 may be continued.



6. In view of the above, following order is passed:

ORDER

- a) The writ petition is ***disposed of***.
- b) Liberty is reserved to the petitioner to prosecute the appeal pending before Central Government Industrial Tribunal, Bangalore.
- c) Till the petitioner's application for interim relief is considered by the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, the interim order granted by this Court on 09.02.2022 shall continue.

All pending applications, if any, are disposed of accordingly.

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