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WP No. 26970 of 2017
AND 1 OTHER

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.G.S. KAMAL

WRIT PETITION NO. 29660 OF 2017 (GM-RES)

C/W

WRIT PETITION NO. 6867 OF 2011 (GM-RES)

WRIT PETITION NO. 26970 OF 2017 (GM-RES)

WRIT PETITION NO. 32414 OF 2017 (GM-RES)

IN WRIT PETITION NO. 29660 OF 2017

BETWEEN

H.L. VISHALRAGHU
S/O LALTE H.N. NINGEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
ADVOCATE BY PROFESSION
MANDYA ADVOCATES' BAR ASSOCIATION
MANDYA DISTRICT
R/AT DIVYANEEKETHANA
9TH CROSS, ASHOKNAGAR
MANDYA-571 401.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PAVANA CHANDRA SHETTY H, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS
VIDHANA SOUDHA
AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BANGALORE-560 001



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REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY

2. THE KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL
1ST FLOOR, OLD KGIC BUILDING
AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BENGALURU-560 001
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
3. THE BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA
NO.21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA
NEAR BAL BHAVAN
NEW DELHI-110 002
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS KUMAR M, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. NATARAJ G, ADVOCATE FOR R2;
SRI. ANUBHA SRIVASTAVA, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 16 AND SECTION 23 OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017 AT ANNEX-B AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN VIEW OF DISPARITY AND DIRECT RESPONDENTS TO REVISE AND INCREASE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND ACT, PROPORTIONATELY IN TERMS OF THE INCREASE IN AFFIXTURE OF WELFARE FUND STAMPS AND ETC.

IN WRIT PETITION NO.6867 OF 2011

BETWEEN:

1. SHIVARAJ PATIL
PRESIDENT
KARNATAKA STATE ADVOCATES



WELFARE FORUM

2. A.P. RANGANATHA
VICE PRESIDENT
3. B.V. PRAKASH ANGADI
VICE PRESIDENT
4. SHEKARAPPA
ADVOCATE
5. SHUBASH K
ADVOCATE
6. R.R. HIEMATH
ADVOCATE
7. LAXMINARAYANA
ADVOCATE
8. VIJAY PATIL
ADVOCATE
9. V.K. NAYAK
ADVOCATE
10. SONTOSH NAGARALE
ADVOCATE
11. HALASWAMY
ADVOCATE
12. CHANDRASHEKAR C. CHANNASAPUR
ADVOCATE
13. VENKATSATHYANARAYANA
ADVOCATE



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- 14 . JAGADISH G. KUMBAR
ADVOCATE
15. NEELAKANT
ADVOCATE
16. A.N. GIRIRESHA
ADVOCATE
17. SATHESH A.E
ADVOCATE
18. GIRISHKUMR C.S
ADVOCATE
19. B.V. RAJESH
ADVOCATE
20. B. KEMPARAJU
ADVOCATE
21. J.V. PRAKASH
ADVOCATE
22. PRAVEEN D.M
ADVOCATE
23. PRASANNA KUMAR S
ADVOCATE, MEMBER
24. JAGADEESH M.L
ADVOCATE
25. B.K. DERAJU
ADVOCATE
26. HARISHA B.L
ADVOCATE



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27. SUBBAREDDY N
ADVOCATE
28. VENKATREDDY K
ADVOCATE
29. GANESH C.R
ADVOCATE
30. CHANDRASHEKAR A.N
ADVOCATE
31. SUNILKUMAR
ADVOCATE
32. SATHISH B
ADVOCATE
33. SRINIVASA
ADVOCATE
34. SEENAPPA K
ADVOCATE
35. M.V. SATHEESHKUMAR
ADVOCATE
36. H.V. RAMACHANDRAREDDY
ADVOCATE
37. JAYARAJGOUDA
ADVOCATE
38. H.G. SWAMY
ADVOCATE



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39. K. VIJAYKUMAR
ADVOCATE
40. PRAKASH M
ADVOCATE
41. SATHISH K.R
ADVOCATE
42. PRABHAKAR H
ADVOCATE
43. M.G. JAGADISH
ADVOCATE
44. VIJAYKUMAR RAVOOR
ADVOCATE
45. AMRUTHESH
ADVOCATE

OFFICE SITUATED AT NO.2038
7TH MAIN, 'D' BLOCK, 2ND STAGE
RAJAJINAGAR
BANGALORE-10

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. HEMANTH RAJ AND
SRI. HALASWAMY B.M, ADVOCATES)

AND

- 1 . THE SECRETARY
KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL
KGID BUILDING
DR.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BANGALORE-560 001.
- 2 . THE SECRETARY



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DEPARTMENT OF LAW, JUSTICE &
HUMAN RIGHTS
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE-560 001.

3 . THE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. M. SRINIVAS KUMAR, HCGP FOR R2 AND R3;
SRI. G. NATARAJ, ADVOCATE FOR R1;

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DECLARE THAT SECTION 16 SUB SECTION (1) OF THE SCHEDULE AND SECTION 16A CLAUSE (2) OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2010 AS PER ANENX-Q IS ARBITRARY, DISCRIMINATION AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND THE SAME IS LIABLE TO BE STUCK SIMPLE IMPRISONMENT FOR AND QUASH THE NOTIFICATION, BANGALORE DATED 06 AUGUST 2010 AS PER ANNEX-Q.

IN WRIT PETITION NO. 26970 OF 2017

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. B.N. RACHEGOWDA
S/O LATE NINGARASE GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
NO.602, 8TH MAIN
13TH CROSS, IV STAGE
T.K. LAYOUT, MYSORE.



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2. SMT. ANITHA
W/O MAHESH KUMAR P
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
GOPALAPURA, JAYAPURA HOBLI
MYSORE TALUK
MYSORE.
3. SRI. H.G. KRISHNAMURTHY
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
NO.280, DATTANAGAR
MYSORE-OOTY ROAD
MYSORE.
4. SRI. S. MURALIDHAR
NO. 1429, 7TH CROSS
SIDDARTHANAGAR HOSTEL ROAD
KRISHNAMURTHYPURAM
MYSORE-570 004.
5. VINODA B.V
D/O VENKATESH MURTHY B
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
NO.38, 2ND CROSS, 17TH MAIN
"E" BLOCK, J.P.NAGAR
MYSORE.
6. SRI. V. JAGADISHA
S/O LATE VENKATAPPA
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS
NO.114/3, SHARADHA LAYOUT
5TH CROSS, KERAGODU MAIN ROAD
BOGADHI, MYSORE-26
7. DR. B.S. DINAKARA
S/O LATE B. SRINIVASAMURTHY
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS
NO.1490/2, BEHIND ASHOKA CLINIC
K.M. PURAM
MYSORE-570 004

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(BY SRI. K.V. NARASIMHAN, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY ITS SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE-560 001.
2. KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL
OLD KGID BUILDING
BANGALORE
BY ITS SECRETARY.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS KUMR M, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. G. NATARAJ, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DECLARE SECTION 23 OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND ACT, 1983 AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND DECLARE SECTION 8 OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATE WELFARE FUND [AMENDMENT] ACT 2017 AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE DECLARE THAT SECTION 23 OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND ACT, 1983 IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE ADVOCATES WHO DOES NOT WANT TO AVAIL THE BENEFITS OF KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND.

IN WRIT PETITION NO.32414 OF 2017

BETWEEN:

THE KARNATAKA STATE JUNIOR
ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT
MR. BHARAT ADITYA
NO.3, 1ST CROSS, 1ST FLOOR



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SUDHAMANAGAR
LALBAUGH ROAD
BANGALORE-560 027.

..PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SUNIL KUMAR H, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE-560 001
- 2 . THE SECRETARY
KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL
1ST FLOOR, OLD KGID BUILDING
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- 3 . THE SECRETARY
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NO.21, ROUSE AVENUE
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...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS KUMAR M, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. G. NATARAJ, ADVOCATE FOR R2;
SRI. ANUBHA SRIVASTAVA, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16 AND SECTION 23 OF THE KARNATAKA ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND ACT INTRODUCED THROUGH KARNATAKA ADVOCATE WELFARE FUND [AMENDMENT] ACT 2017 OF KARNATAKA ACT NO.12/2017 DATED 4.3.2017 VIDE ANNEXURE-A AS ILLEGAL, IRRATIONAL ATBITRARY AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ETC



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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.G.S. KAMAL

ORAL ORDER

Learned counsel for the petitioners have filed memos seeking leave of this Court to withdraw the above petitions.

2. Memos are taken on record.

3. In view of the above memos, petitions are dismissed as withdrawn.

**Sd/-
(M.G.S. KAMAL)
JUDGE**