



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VENKATESH NAIK T

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO.162 OF 2022

BETWEEN:

DR. RENUKA PRASAD K.V.
S/O. DR. KURUNJI VENKATARAMANA GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS
OCCUPATION: GENERAL SECRETARY
ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA
HAVING ITINERATE/CAMP OFFICE WITHIN THE
PRECINCTS OF KVG INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
BHAGAMANDALA
MADIKERI TALUK
KODAGU - 571 247.

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI A. MADHUSUDHANA RAO, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. DR. K.V. CHIDANANDA
S/O. DR. KURUNJI VENKATARAMANA GOWDA
AGED 65 YEARS
DESIGNATED AS THE PRESIDENT OF
M/S. ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA
RESIDENT OF VENKATESHANILAYA
KURUNJI HOUSE, SHRIRAMPET SULLIA
DAKSHINA KANNADA-574 327.
2. SHRI K.V. HEMANATH
S/O. LATE K.M. VISHWANATH GOWDA
AGED 64 YEARS
DESIGNATED AS THE JOINT SECRETARY



M/S. ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA
C/O. KURUNJI HOUSE
PARIVARAKANA, SULLIA POST AND TALUK
DAKSHINA KANNADA.

3. SMT. SHOBHA CHIDANANDA
W/O. DR. K.V. CHIDANANDA
AGED 62 YEARS
DESIGNATED AS THE DIRECTOR
M/S. ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA
RESIDING AT VENKATESHANILAYA
KURUNJI HOUSE, SHRIRAMPET SULLIA
DAKSHINA KANNADA - 574 327.
4. MR. AKSHAY K.C.
S/O. DR. K.V. CHIDANANDA
AGED 30 YEARS
PROVISIONALLY DESIGNATED AS THE DIRECTOR
(NOW LAPSED)
M/S. ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA
RESIDING AT VENKATESHANILAYA
KURUNJI HOUSE, SHRIRAMPET
SULLIA
DAKSHINA KANNADA-574 327.
5. DR. M.S. AISHWARYA
D/O. DR. K.V. CHIDANANDA
AGED 35 YEARS
WRONGLY DESIGNATED AS THE DIRECTOR
M/S. ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA
C/O. GANGOTRI NURSING HOME
BTM LAYOUT
BENGALURU.
6. DR. MR. GAUTHAM
S/O. SHRI LINGEGOWDA
AGED 37 YEARS
WRONGLY DESIGNATED AS THE DIRECTOR
M/S. ACADEMY OF LIBERAL EDUCATION
SULLIA, DAKSHINA KANNADA



C/O. GANGOTRI NURSING HOME
BTM LAYOUT, BENGALURU.

...ACCUSED

(BY SRI CYRIL PRASAD PAIS, ADVOCATE)

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THIS CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE CONTEMPTS OF COURT ACT, PRAYING TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE ACTS OF CONTEMPT DETAILED IN PARAGRAPH NO.42(a) TO (h) ABOVE COMMITTED BY THE ACCUSED PERSONS JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY IN THE TEETH OF ORDER DATED 3-12-2021 PASSED IN MFA NO.4288 OF 2021 VIDE ANNEXURE-J BY THE HON'BLE SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT, SECURE, CHARGE, TRY AND PUNISH THE ACCUSED.

THIS CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VENKATESH NAIK T

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN)

The present Contempt of Court Case is filed alleging non-compliance with the order dated 03.12.2021 passed by the learned Single Judge in MFA No.4288/2021, which reads as follows:



"Heard. Admit.

*ORDER ON I.A.No.2/2021 IN M.F.A.No.4283/2021 &
ORDER ON I.A.No.1/2021 IN M.F.A.No.4288/2021*

Learned Counsel for the appellants submits memo with copies of the documents.

The said documents show that regarding the same dispute, respondent No.1 filed W.P.No.8960/2021 before this Court against the appellants and others. In that writ petition, direction was given to the Registrar of the Society to conduct enquiry.

After holding enquiry on 20.11.2021 the Registrar has given his decision in favour of the appellants.

Learned Counsel for the respondents submits that they are contemplating to challenge the said order.

The trial Court has granted blanket injunction without reference to the order of this Court in W.P.No.8960/2021. On such order, the entire business of the society is brought to stand still. It is just and appropriate to stay the impugned order. Therefore, interim stay of the impugned order in the above appeals with condition that the appellants shall not pass any resolution for removal of respondent No.3 till disposal of the appeals.

The appellants shall permit respondent No.3 to participate in the meetings of plaintiff No.1's society and its business according to the applicable rules.

The applications in the above appeals are disposed of accordingly."



2. The learned counsel for the complainant submits that the aforesaid directions have been violated and that resolutions have been passed in violation of the said direction.

3. A detailed statement of objection has been filed by accused Nos.1 to 6 contending that there has been no violation with the directions issued by this Court. The learned counsel appearing for the accused submits that, in respect of an identical issue, Contempt of Court Case No.205/2022 was disposed of by this Court by order dated 02.06.2023, reserving liberty to challenge the resolution, if so advised. It is further contended that the challenge against the resolution has been repelled and the matter has been taken up to the Apex Court. It is further submitted that the MFAs in which the interim orders were passed have already been disposed of.

4. On the other hand, the learned counsel for the complainant submits that the present Contempt of Court Case may also be disposed of by reserving liberty to the complainant to challenge the resolution, if so advised.



5. Having considered the rival contentions, we are of the opinion that the merits of the matter do not have to be considered in these proceedings. Accordingly, the Contempt of Court Case stands ***closed***, reserving liberty to the complainant to challenge the resolution in accordance with law. In case such challenge has already been instituted, the same shall be considered in accordance with law.

All contentions of the parties are left open.

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(VENKATESH NAIK T)
JUDGE

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