



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 8906 OF 2025 (GM-R/C)

BETWEEN:

1. MR VARADAIHA
S/O HANUMANTHAIA
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
NO. 4, NIRUVAGAL,
NIRUVAGAL POST,
HANDANAKERE HOBLI,
CHIKKANAYAKANA HALLI
TUMKUR-572 119
2. SRI. BASAVACHAR
S/O RAMACHAR,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
NARUVAGAL, NARUVAGAL POST,
HANDANA KERE HOBLI,
VTC: CHIKKANAYAKANA HALLI
TUMKUR-572 214
3. MR. N L JAYARAJU
S/O LAKKAPPA
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
HARENAHALLI,
CHOWLKATTE POST,
HANDANAKERE HOBLI,
CHIKKANAYAKANA HALLI
TUMKUR-572 119
4. SRI. ANJANAPPA N J
S/O JAYANNA
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
NIRUVAGAL,
HANDANAKERE HOBLI,
CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI

Digitally signed
by SHWETHA
RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA



TUMKUR-572 214

5. SRI. OMKARAMURTHY
S/O MAHALINGAIAH
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
NIRUVAGAL,
CHIKKANAYAKAHALLI,
TUMKUR-572 119
6. MR. KALLESH
S/O LAKKAPPA
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
NIRVAGAL POST,
HANDANAKERE HOBLI,
CHIKKANAYAKANALLI,
TUMKUR-572 119
7. SRI. LOKESH T K
S/O KARIYA NALKA
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
T THANDYA, BARAGURU POST,
HANDANAKERE HOBALI
CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI
TUMKUR-572 214
8. SRI. RANGAIAH
S/O NAGAIAH
AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS,
NARUVAGAL POST,
HANDANA KERE HOOBALI,
CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI
TUMKUR-572 214
9. SRI. GOPIKRISHNA N.K.
S/O KRISHNAMURTHY N.L.,
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS,
POST: NIRUVAGAL VILLAGE,
HANDANAKERE HOBLI
CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI - 572 119
TUMKUR DISTRICT.

... PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. VEERESH M. UPPIN, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI CHANDRANATH ARIGA K., ADVOCATE)



AND:

1. THE COMMISSIONER
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND
CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY
RAJAYA DHARMIKA PARISHAD
CHAMRAJPET
BENGALURU-560 001.
2. THE PRESCRIBED OFFICER AND SUB-REGISTRAR,
OLD TALUK OFFICE
CHIKKANAYAKANA HALLI,
CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI TALUK,
TUMKUR DIST-572 114
3. THE TAHASILDAR,
TALUK OFFICE,
MUZRAI DEPARTMENT,
CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI,
TUMKUR DIST-572 114
4. SHREE DURGAMMA DEVALAYA TRUST
(EARLIER KNOWN AS SHREE DURGAMMA DEVASTHANA
JEERNODHARA SEVA
CHARITABLE TRUST)
HAVING ITS OFFICE AT HULKAL BETTA,
NIRUVAGAL, HANDANAKERE HOBLI,
TUMKUR DISTRICT-572 214
REPRESENTED TRUSTEE

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. DEVARAJ, GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE FOR R1 TO R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO A) DIRECTING THE R1 TO
CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PETITIONER DATED
03/03/2020 (ANNEXURE - J) AND ETC.

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



CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioners are before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:
 - a. *Directing the Respondent No.1 to consider the Representation of the Petitioner dated: 03.03.2020 (ANNEXURE-J);*
 - b. *Declare the Temple as a Declared Institution under the provisions of the Karnataka Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.*
 - c. *Grant such other reliefs as this Hon'ble Court deem fit to grant.*
2. The grievance of the petitioner is that the representation of the petitioner dated 03.03.2020 at Annexure-J for declaration of the temple as a "declared institution" under the Provisions of the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Act, 1997 has not been considered, despite a lapse of nearly 6 years.
3. Whenever any representation has been submitted by a citizen to any authority, it is required that the said Representation be acted upon and necessary orders be passed within a reasonable period of time, either



accepting or rejecting the Representation submitted, in accordance with law.

4. Needless to say, if an order of rejection is passed, the same would have to be accompanied by reasons. Neither having been done, this Court passes the following;

ORDER

- i. The writ petition is ***allowed.***
- ii. A mandamus is issued, directing respondent No.1 to consider the representation of petitioner dated 03.03.2020 at Annexure-J in accordance with law within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.
- iii. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the entitlement of the petitioner.

**SD/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE**

SR
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 34