



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO. 14089 OF 2026 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. JAYASHEELA
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS
D/O. ANANDA
PRESENTLY WORKING AS NURSERY 'D' GROUP
RANGE FOREST OFFICE,
MANDYA RANGE, MANDYA,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 401.
2. SRI. RAMESH,
S/O. THAMMAIAH
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS
PRESENTLY WORKING AS FOREST WATCHER 'D'
GROUP RANGE FOREST OFFICE,
MADDUR RANGE MADDUR,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 428.
3. SRI. NANJUNDA
S/O. BANNAIAH
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS
PRESENTLY WORKING AS FOREST WATCHER 'D'
GROUP RANGE FOREST OFFICE,
MANDYA RANGE, MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 438.
4. SRI. THULASIKUMAR @ THULASI
S/O. NARAYANAPPA
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS

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PRESENTLY WORKING AS FOREST WATCHER 'D'
GROUP RANGE FOREST OFFICE,
SRIRANGAPATNA RANGE,
SRIRANGAPATNA, MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 438.

5. SRI. NANJUNDA @NANJUNDASWAMY.A.S.
S/O. SIDDAPPA
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
PRESENTLY WORKING AS FOREST WATCHER 'D'
GROUP RANGE FOREST OFFICE,
MADDUR RANGE, MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 438.
6. SRI. SHIVARAMU,
S/O. BILIYAIHAH,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
PRESENTLY WORKING AS FOREST
WATCHER 'D' GROUP
RANGE FOREST OFFICE,
MADDUR RANGE, MADDUR,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 428.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. BASAVARAJA PATEL G.K, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF FOREST,
ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT
M.S. BUILDING, BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
(HEAD OF THE FOREST FORCE)
ARANYA BHAVANA, 3RD FLOOR 1
8TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM.



BENGALURU - 560 003.

3. THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.
ARANYA BHAVANA, TERRITORIAL
ASHOKAPURAM, MYSORE - 577 009.
4. THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
MANDYA TERRITORIAL DIVISION
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 401.
5. THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER,
MANDYA RANGE MANDYA,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 401.
6. THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER,
MADDUR RANGE MADDUR,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 428.
7. THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER,
SRIRANGAPATNA RANGE,
SRIRANGAPATNA,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 438.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SPOORTHY HEGDE, AGA FOR R1 TO R7)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO I. CALL FOR THE RECORDS RELATING TO THE IMPUGNED ENDORSEMENT ORDER BEARING NO.A2/DI NOW/WP/CR-13/2025-26/5058 DATED 26.11.2025 VIDE ANNEXURE-G, PASSED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.4, IN SO FAR PETITIONERS ARE CONCERNED PERUSE AND QUASH THE SAME AS ARBITRARY, ILLEGAL AND



VIOLATIVE OF ARTICLES 14 AND 16(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

In this petition, petitioner seeks for the following reliefs:-

1. *Call for the records relating to the impugned common endorsement order bearing No.A2.Sibbandi.CR-13/2025-26 Dated.26.11.2025 vide Annexure-G, passed by the Respondent No.4, peruse and quash the same as arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 16(1) of the constitution of India.*

ii. *Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus to consider the claim of the Petitioner for the service benefits in terms of the Karnataka Daily Wage Employees Welfare Act 2012 vide Annexure-D, by holding him eligible for the benefits under the said Act for the long services rendered by the Petitioner with all monetary benefits;*

iii. *Pass such other orders or direction as this Hon'ble Court may be deemed fit in the circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.*

2. This petition is squarely covered by the order dated 10.04.2026 passed in W.P.No.888/2026, which reads as under:

In this petition, petitioners seek the following reliefs:



“i) Issue a writ of mandamus directing the Respondents No.2 to consider the representations made by the petitioners dated 19.12.2025 vide Annexures – H, J, K & L and to regularize the services of the petitioners has been done in the case of Uma Devi & Others from the date of completion of 10 years of service and also to grant them and pay scale attached to the post of Deputy Registrar from the date of their appointments or at least from the date they completed 10 years of service as revised from time to time and to pay them the arrears of salary, increment and other service benefits on par with regular employees under the 7th pay commission.

ii. Pass such other orders as deemed fit in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.”

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned AGA for respondent No.1 and learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3 and perused the material on record. 3. It is the grievance of the petitioners that their representations at Annexures – H, J, K and L dated 19.12.2025 submitted to the respondent No.2 has not been considered so far by respondent No.2 nor any order has been passed on the same. Under these circumstances, the petitioners are before this Court by way of present petition.

4. Per contra, learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3 would reiterate the contentions urged in the statement of objection and submits that there is no merit in the petition and the same is liable to be dismissed.

5. Though several contentions have been urged by both sides in support of their respective claims, having regard to the fact that representations submitted by the petitioners having not been considered by the



respondent so far, I deem it just and appropriate to dispose of this petition by directing the concerned respondent to address the grievances of the petitioners and consider their - 5 - HC-KAR NC: 2026:KHC:20482 WP No. 888 of 2026 representations at Annexures – H, J, K and L dated 19.12.2025 and take appropriate decision / pass appropriate order in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. Subject to the aforesaid observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of."

3. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of in similar terms directing the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner for the service benefits in terms of the Karnataka Daily Wage Employees Welfare Act 2012 vide Annexure-D and take appropriate decision / pass appropriate order in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. Subject to the aforesaid observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-
(S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR)
JUDGE

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