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NC: 2026:KHC:51042-DB
WP No. 14307 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 14307 OF 2023 (GM-MM-S)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. R MANJULA
W/O T. SRINIVAS
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
R/O K.G. SRINIVASAPUR VILLAGE
SOMPURA HOBLI
NELAMANGALA TALUK
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 111

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI RAMESH K.R., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
VIDHANA SOUDHA
DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDI
BENGALURU - 560 001
2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BEERASANDRA, DEVANAHALLI TALUK
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 110

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signed by
VEERENDRA
KUMAR K M
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3. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
2ND FLOOR, ROOM NO.219
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BEERASANDRA, DEVANAHALLI TALUK
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 110

4. THE TAHSILDAR
NELAMANGALA TALUK
NELAMANGALA
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 111

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. NILOUFER AKBAR, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION, QUASHING THE IMPUGNED ENDORSEMENT DATED 05.01.2023 BEARING No.GaBhuE/Unika/BenGraJi/Himbaraha/2022-23/4297 WHICH IS AT ANNEXURE-E ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT & ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition, *inter alia*, impugning an endorsement dated 05.01.2023 issued by respondent No.3, whereby the representation of the petitioner for



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grant of quarrying lease for extraction of granite over an extent of 6 acres of government Gomal land falling in Sy.No.79 of Kengal village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, had been rejected.

2. The learned Additional Government Advocate submits that the petitioner's request for grant of quarrying lease, was made after the introduction of Chapter IV-A in the Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules [**KMMC Rules**], where under the said Chapter, all mining rights are required to be disposed of by way of auction and therefore there is no scope for entertaining the petitioner's application.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner states that the petitioner seeks parity with other persons who have been granted quarrying leases without a public auction. However, he is unable to point out any instance where a quarrying lease has been granted after the introduction of Chapter IV-A to KMMC Rules.

4. In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.



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5. We, however, clarify that in the event the petitioner ascertains that any quarrying leases have been granted without an auction after the introduction of Chapter IV-A of KMMC Rules, the petitioner would be at liberty to approach the competent authority with an appropriate application.

**Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE**

KMV
List No.1: Sl.No.:2