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WP No. 24976 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 24976 OF 2026 (GM-KSR)

BETWEEN:

SHRI. H. VENKATESH,
S/O HANUMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
R/A NO.31, 2ND CROSS ROAD,
VINAYAKA LAYOUT,
RAMASANDRA,
BENGALURU - 560 060.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. V.B.SHIVAKUMAR., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES,
M.S. BUILDING,
DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
REPRESENTED BY ITS
UNDER SECRETARY.
2. THE REGISTRAR OF
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES,
ALI ASKER ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 052.
3. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND
DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES,
ZONE-4,
BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT,

Digitally signed
by SHWETHA
RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH
COURT OF
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SAHAKARI SOUDHA,
MALLESHWARAM,
BENGALURU - 560 003.

4. THE ADMINISTRATOR,
THE CITIZEN WELFARE SOCIETY,
NO.544/79, GROUND FLOOR,
7TH MAIN ROAD, VIJAYANAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 040.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.DEVARAJ C.H., GA FOR STATE)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO A) ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION QUASHING THE ORDER DATED 04.04.2026 VIDE NO.CO 32 CSR 2026 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-A, AND CONSEQUENTLY APPOINT NEW ADMINISTRATOR TO THE SOCIETY CITIZEN WELFARE SOCIETY TILL ELECTED BODY HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF THE SOCIETY AND ETC.,

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. Learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice for respondents.
2. Petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:



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"a) Issue a Writ in the nature of Certiorari or any other appropriate Writ or Order or direction quashing the Order dated 04.04.2026 vide No. CO 32 CSR 2026 produced at Annexure-A, and consequently appoint new administrator to the society "Citizen Welfare Society "till elected body has taken charge of the society.

b) For a writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or direction directing the Respondent and the Administrator to prepare the membership list of the Citizen Welfare Society (Reg.) as per list provided by society produced as Annexure-C and consequently upon Membership having being prepared, schedule the election date, conduct elections of the Office bearers under supervision of independent officer and put the elected body in management of the Society."

3. The submission of Sri V.B.Shivakumar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that once earlier an Administrator had been appointed, in pursuance an enquiry report had been submitted. The said Administrator did not conduct any elections to the Society and now, another Administrator has been appointed vide order dated 04.04.2026 at Annexure-'A'. His submission is that the earlier Administrator could not have been discharged without the said Administrator having conducted the elections and on that ground, he firstly seeks for quashing of the order for appointment of the second Administrator and also for mandamus, directing



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the respondents and the Administrator to prepare the membership list to conduct the elections.

4. Both the prayers which have been sought for are contradictory. in as much as second prayer what has been sought for is a mandamus, directing the Registrar and the Administrator to prepare a membership list and conduct the election, which cannot be so done, if the 1st prayer for quashing the appointment of an Administrator were to be considered.
5. Faced with the above situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he would not press prayer (a) in the above said writ petition, as such, prayer (a) is deleted.
6. Learned counsel for the petitioner to make necessary endorsement in this writ petition.
7. An enquiry having been conducted under Section 25 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and Administrator having been appointed under Section 27A



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of the said Act, it is the Administrator, who is required to perform all functions and duties of the governing body of the said Association/Society and in terms of Section 27A(4), the Administrator is required to, before the expiry of the period of his appointment, take necessary action to convene the general body meeting of the society and hold elections to constitution of the governing body. Thus, once an Administrator has been appointed, it is required for the Administrator, before the expiry of his period to conduct the elections. In the present matter, though the earlier Administrator had not conducted the election, the present Administrator is required to conduct such elections.

8. Learned Additional Government Advocate on instructions submitted that given twelve weeks time, the necessary process of preparation of the electoral roll and conduct of the election could be completed.
9. In that view of the matter, this Court passes the following:



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ORDER

(a) Writ petition is ***partly allowed.***

(b) A mandamus is issued, directing the Administrator to comply with the bye-laws of the Society for the purpose of holding Annual General Body meeting as also for conducting election within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

PSJ
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