IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

MISCL. FIRST APPEAL NO. 201246 OF 2023 (LAC)

BETWEEN:

1. THE CHIEF ENGINEER
   KNNL, ZONE, KALABURAGI-585102.

2. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
   KNNL, BLI DIVISION, TQ. AFZALPUR
   DIST. KALABURAGI-585301.

...APPELLANTS

(BY SRI. SHARANABASAVA C. PASTAPUR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. CHIDANAND
   S/O GURUANNA
   AGE. 56 YEARS, OCC. AGRICULTURE
   R/O BADNALLI VILLAGE-585265
   TQ. AFZALPUR, DISTRICT. KALABURAGI.

2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
   KALABURAGI-585102.

3. THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER
   KNNL, BNT KALABURAGI-585102.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. VEERANAGOUDA MALIPATIL, HCGP FOR R2 AND R3;
R1 SERVED)

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REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT ACT, PRAYING TO CALL FOR THE RECORDS IN LAC NO. 205/2018 PASSED BY THE HONOURABLE I ADDL DISTRICT SESSION JUDGE, AT KALABURAGI AND ALLOW THE APPEAL AND SET ASIDE THE JUDGEMENT AND AWARD DATED 18.10.2021 IN LAC NO. 205/2018 PASSED BY THE HONOURABLE I ADDL DISTRICT SESSION JUDGE, AT KALABURAGI.

THIS APPEAL, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM)

The present appeal, filed under Section 74(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, challenges the judgment and award dated 18.10.2021 in LAC No.205/2018. However, the appeal is filed after a delay of 300 days beyond the statutory limitation period of 120 days prescribed under Section 74(1) of the Act. This Court, following the Division Bench ruling in MFA No.102543/2022 dated 23.09.2024, holds that the limitation period under the Act is mandatory and non-extendable. Relying on precedents, including *Union of*

India vs. Popular Construction Co. and *State of Kerala vs. V.R. Kalliyanikutty (AIR 1999 SC 1305)*, the appeal is dismissed as time-barred, without addressing the merits. Parties shall bear their respective costs.

In view of disposal of main appeal, pending applications, if any, stand rejected.

The Court fee paid, if any, shall be refunded in accordance with law.

SD/-
(SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM)
JUDGE

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