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. 204066 OF 2023 (LAC)

BETWEEN:

1. THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER
   UKP, INDI, DIST. VIJAYAPURA

2. THE COMMISSIONER
   REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT
   SECRETARY FOR LAND ACQUISITION DIVISION
   GOVT. OF KARNATAKA
   NAVANAGAR, BAGALKOT.

3. THE GENERAL MANAGER
   REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT
   SECRETARY FOR LAND ACQUISITION DIVISION
   GOVT. OF KARNATAKA
   NAVANAGAR, BAGALKOT.

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4. THE SPL. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
   REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT
   SECRETARY FOR LAND ACQUISITION DIVISION
   GOVT. OF KARNATAKA
   NAVANAGAR, BAGALKOT.

5. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
   UKP RAMPUR, TQ. SINDAGI
   DIST. VIJAYAPURA.

...APPELLANTS

(BY SRI. Y.H. VIJAYAKUMAR, AAG A/W
SRI. VIRANAGOUDA BIRADAR, AGA)

AND:

1. MUTTAPPA
   S/O BEERAPPA PUJARI
   OCCUPATION. AGRICULTURE
   R/O GORANAL VILLAGE, TQ. INDI
   DIST. VIJAYAPURA

…RESPONDENT

THIS MFA IS FILED UNDER SECTION 74(1) OF RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT ACT, PRAYING TO CALL FOR THE RECORDS IN L.A.C.NO.726/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED III ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE AND ADDL. LAND ACQUISITION REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT AUTHORITY, VIJAYAPUR DATED 16.07.2022, ALLOW THE ABOVE APPEAL AND TO SET ASIDE THE JUDGMENT AND AWARD DATED 16.07.2022 IN LAC NO.726/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED III ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE AND ADDL. LAND ACQUISITION REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT AUTHORITY, VIJAYAPUR, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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 16.07.2022 in

LAC No.726/2018. However, the appeal is filed after a delay of 340 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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