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NC: 2025:KHC:54417
WP No. 38276 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 38276 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

MR. SHARAN CHANDRASHEKAR RAJU
SON OF SRI. VARDARAJU CHANDRASHEKAR
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 17, 1ST CROSS, R.M.V EXTENSION,
SADASHIVANAGAR, BENGALURU-560 094.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VENKATESH S ARBATTI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM,
HAVING ITS OFFICE AT GROUND FLOOR,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU- 560 001.

2. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND
PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MANDYA DISTRICT, MANDYA 571401.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND MEMBER SECRETARY
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MANDYA 571 401

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT.SARITHA KULKARNI, AGA)

Digitally signed by SHWETHA RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH BY WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT OR ORDER DIRECTION IN THE NATURE OF WRIT, THE ORDER DTD. 09.12.2025 BEARING PASSED BY THE R-3 PER ANNX-A BEARING NO. PRAEE/UUNI/MUM/18/2023-24-516.

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. The Petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

   a. *Quash by writ of certiorari or any other appropriate writ or order direction in the nature of writ, the order Dtd. 09.12.2025 bearing passed by the Respondent No.3 per Annexure-A bearing no. praEe/UuNi/Mum/18/2023-24-516.*

   b. *Award the costs of this petition.*

   c. *Such other and further relief as may be just and necessary in the interest of justice.*

2. The grievance of the Petitioner is that, without issuance of any notice and complying with the principles of natural justice, the closure order dated 09.12.2025 has been passed by Respondent No.3 at Annexure-A.

3. A perusal of Annexure-A does not indicate of any notice having been issued to the Petitioner.

4. Learned AGA submits that the said order had been passed on account of the Petitioner carrying on its activities in an Eco-Sensitive Zone.

5. Even if that be so, in my considered opinion, it would be required for a notice to be issued to the affected party before any action is taken and comply with the principles of natural justice before doing so. In the present case, admittedly, no notice has been issued to the Petitioner, I pass the following:

ORDER

i) Writ petition is **allowed**.

ii) A certiorari is issued, the order dated 09.12.2025 passed by Respondent No.3 at Annexure-A, is quashed.

iii) Liberty is, however, reserved to the Respondents to issue appropriate notice to the Petitioner, consider the reply, if any, submitted

by the Petitioner and thereafter take necessary action.

iv) The hand delivery of the operative portion of the order is ordered.

SD/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE

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