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NC: 2026:KHC:61815-DB
WP No. 155 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010008882026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 155 OF 2026 (GM-MM-S)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI R CHIDAMBARA
   AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS
   SON OF RAJAN
   PILLAKKAMMA NAGARA
   NEAR WATER TANK
   CHIKKAJALA
   BENGALURU - 562 157

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI PRAKASH B.S., ADVOCATE)

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Location: High Court of Karnataka

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
   COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT
   (MSME AND MINES)
   VIKASA SOUDHA
   BENGALURU - 560 001

2. THE DIRECTOR/COMMISSIONER
   DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
   KHANIJABHAVANA
   R.C. ROAD
   BENGALURU - 560 001

3. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/SENIOR GEOLOGIST
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
AND DISTRICT OFFICES COMPLEX
SIDLAGHATTA ROAD
CHIKKABALLAPURA - 562 101

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI K.S. HARISH, GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT, ORDER OR WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO GRANT QUARRYING LICENCE TO THE PETITIONER IN RESPECT OF THE SUBJECT LAND, (VIDE ANNEXURE-A DATED 06.05.2023) BY HOLDING THAT THE REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE 6(2) OF THE KARNATAKA MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1994 STANDS SATISFIED, NOTWITHSTANDING THE VILLAGE MAP ENTRY, IN VIEW OF THE CATEGORICAL NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES AND SPOT INSPECTION FINDINGS PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-E, F, G AND K DATED 17.02.2024, 07.05.2024, 01.01.2025 AND 24.11.2025 RESPECTIVELY AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, 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,* praying that directions be issued to the respondents to grant quarrying licence. The petitioner's application in this regard is pending and

the petitioner claims that all mandatory requirements have been complied with.

2. The learned Government Advocate had handed over a memo enclosing therewith an order dated 04.11.2026, whereby the petitioner's application for quarrying licence has been rejected.

3. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of reserving the rights of the petitioner to avail his remedies *albeit* in accordance with law.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE

AHB
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