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NC: 2026:KHC:61608-DB
WP No. 766 of 2025

CNR: KAHC010023872025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH 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. 766 OF 2025 (GM-MM-S)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. MANJULAMMA
W/O K.M. ANJINAPPA
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS
R/AT GOLLAHALLI, AVAIGURKI POST
CHIKKABALLPAURA TALUKA - 562 101
CHIKKABALLAPURA DISTRICT

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI RAVINDRA GAJANAN KOLLE, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
R. NO. 320, 3RD FLOOR
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BENGALURU - 560 001

2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES
R. NO.135, FIRST FLOOR, VIKASA SOUDHA
BENGALURU - 560 001

3. THE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
NO.49, KHANIJA BHAVAN
RACE COURSE ROAD
BENGALURU – 560 001

Digitally signed by K P SWETHA
Location: High Court of Karnataka

4. THE SENIOR GEOLOGIST AND
COMPETENT AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
CHIKKABALLAPURA – 562 101

5. THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
CHIKKABALLAPURA FOREST DIVISION
CHIKKABALLPAURA - 562 101

6. THE ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
CHIKKABALLAPURA SUB DIVISION
CHIKKABALLPAURA - 562 101

7. THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER
CHIKKABALAPURA RANGE
CHIKKABLLAPURA – 562 101

8. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT TASK FORCE (MINES) COMMITTEE
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
CHIKKABALLPAURA - 562 101

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. NILOUFER AKBAR, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER ORDER OR DIRECTION DIRECTING 4TH RESPONDENT SENIOR GEOLOGIST AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY AND 8TH RESPONDENT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AS THE CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PETITIONER'S REPRESENTATION DATED 17.12.2024 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-A AND B RESPECTIVELY, AND GRANT AND EXECUTE THE QUARRY LEASE DEED PURSUANT TO PETITIONER'S QL APPLICATION DATED 16.10.2015 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-D, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION OF GOVT. ORDER No. CI 298 MMN 2011, DATED 21.05.2014 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-J, 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, *inter alia*, seeks the following prayers:

> "A. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other order or Direction directing 4th Respondent Senior Geologist & Competent Authority and 8th Respondent Deputy Commissioner as the Chairman of District Task Force Committee to consider Petitioner's Representation dated 17.12.2024 produced at Annexure-A and B respectively; and grant & execute the quarry lease deed pursuant to Petitioner's QL Application dated 16.10.2015 produced at Annexure-D, taking into consideration of Govt. Order No.CI 298 MMN 2011, dated 21.05.2014 produced at Annexure-J; and/or
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> B. Pass any such other Orders as this Hon'ble Court deems fit & proper under the facts & circumstances of the case, to meet the ends of justice."

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent No.4 has rejected the representation of the petitioner. Accordingly, he seeks to withdraw the present petition with liberty to file a comprehensive petition.

3. The petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the aforesaid liberty.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE

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