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NC: 2026:KHC:61281
WP No. 2777 of 2024

CNR: KAHC010041492024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.VIVEKANANDA

WRIT PETITION NO. 2777 OF 2024 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SATHYENDRA CHOUDHARY @ SATHYA
S/O GOPAL CHOUDHARY,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
R/AT VVMVP CAMPUS,
21ST KM, UDAYAPURA,
ART OF LIVING INTERNATIONAL CENTER,
KANAKAPURA ROAD, BENGALURU SOUTH,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

2. GANGADHAR,
C/O SHIVAYYAGANDADAMATA,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
R/AT SRI. SRIPUBLICATION TRUST,
21ST KM, VVMVP,KANAKAPURA ROAD,
BENGALURU SOUTH,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

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3. VIJAY AGARWAL @ VIJAY SWAMIJI
S/O OM PRAKASH,
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
R/AT NO.54,
VVMVP CAMPUS,
RAVI SHANKAR ASHRAM,
KANAKAPURA ROAD,
UDAYAPURA,BENGALURU SOUTH,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

4. KISHORE KUMAR PRASAD @ KISHORE,
S/O KASIRAM RAJENDRA PRASAD,

AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
R/AT NO.638, 2ND CROSS,
BEML LAYOUT, 3RD STAGE,
RAJARAJESHWARINAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 098.

5. NARENDRA SINGH LAMBA @ NARENDRA LAMBA,
S/O MAHAVIR SINGH,
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
R/AT VVMVP CAMPUS,
21ST KM, UDAYAPURA,
ART OF LIVING INTERNATIONAL CENTER,
KANAKAPURA ROAD, BENGALURU SOUTH,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

6. KULVIR SINGH @ KULDEEP,
S/O DEENANATH,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
R./AT NO.5/1,TIARY POOL,
HOLI (186) CHAMBA,
HIMACHAL PRADESH - 176 309.

7. MANAK SHARMA M. V.,
S/O LATE M.S. VENKATAKRISHNA,
AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS,
R/AT SRI SRIGURUKUL,
VVMVP CAMPUS,
21ST KM, UDYAYAPURA,
ART OF LIVING INTERNATIONAL CENTER,
KANAKAPURA ROAD,
BENGALURU SOUTH,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

8. K. PRASAD,
S/O B. ANANTHAKRISHNA,
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
R/AT NO.1683, 6TH MAIN,
RPC LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR,
BENGALURU NORTH - 560 040.

9. SRI. RAGHU RAJANNA @ RAGHU SWAMIJI,
S/O T.S. RAJANNA,
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
R/AT NO.576, 16TH CROSS,
6TH PHASE, J.P. NAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 078.

10. SURESH BABU,
WORKING AS ASHRAM,
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
R/AT ART OF LIVING INTERNATIONAL CENTER,
21ST KM, UDIPALYA,
KANAKAPURA MAIN ROAD,
UTTARAHALLI HOBLI,
BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

11. VINAY B HEGDE,
S/O BHASKAR G HEGDE,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,
R/AT VVMVP CAMPUS,
21ST KM, UDAYAPURA,
ART OF LIVING INTERNATIONAL CENTER,
KANAKAPURA ROAD,
BENGALURU SOUTH,
BENGALURU - 560 082.

…PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. ROHITH B J., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY SHO,
KAGALIPURA POLICE STATION,
RAMANAGAR DISTRICT,
THROUGH STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. THE TAHASILDAR,
BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK,
K.G.ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 009.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. M. SRINIVAS KUMAR, HCGP)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASHING THE IMPUGNED NOTICE BEARING NO.MAG/CR/(107)/03/23-24 DATED:17.11.2023 ISSUED BY THE R-2 TAHSILDAR WHICH IS PRODUCED AT ANNXURE-E SO FAR AS ITS RELATES TO THE PETITIONER WHO ARE MENTIONED AS RESPONDENT NO.15 TO 26 HEREIN AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.VIVEKANANDA

ORAL ORDER

The petitioners are before this Court, calling in question the notice dated 17.11.2023 issued by respondent No.2, invoking the provisions of Section 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, calling upon the petitioners to show cause as to why they should not be ordered to execute a bond for keeping the peace in the

vicinity for a period of one year. The cause of action for issuance of the impugned notice is the complaints produced at Annexures-B and C.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that, on the date fixed for holding the enquiry, pursuant to the impugned notice, one of the noticees had appeared before respondent No.2 and sought time to file the reply. Accordingly, the reply to the notice was submitted on 10.01.2024 by petitioner No.2 herein. Thereafter, no further proceedings have been conducted in the light of the interim order passed by this Court.

3. It is the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the other petitioners except petitioner No.2 may also be provided an opportunity to respond to the impugned notice issued by respondent No.2 and upon submission of the reply to the notice, respondent No.2 may proceed in the matter in accordance with law.

4. The learned High Court Government Pleader submits that the petitioners have approached this Court challenging the show cause notice itself and that the petition is premature, since no adverse order has been passed by respondent No.2. Be that as it may, as could be seen from the contents of the notice at Annexure-E, it is clear that, before passing any orders under Section 107 of Cr.P.C, respondent No.2 had called upon the petitioners to show cause as to why an order to execute a bond for keeping the peace should not be made. Therefore, the impugned notice is in the nature of a show cause notice and the petitioners are required to show cause as to why the further action under Section 107 of the Cr.P.C, should not be taken.

5. In that view of the matter, the petition is ***disposed of***, permitting the petitioners to submit their reply to the notice at Annexure-E dated 17.11.2023, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and on such reply being filed by

the petitioners, respondent No.2 shall conduct the enquiry as contemplated under Section 107 of the Cr.P.C and proceed in the matter.

All contentions of the parties are kept open to be considered by respondent No.2.

Sd/-
(T.P.VIVEKANANDA)
JUDGE

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