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NC: 2026:KHC:59957
WP No. 1769 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010049872026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 1769 OF 2026 (GM-KSR)

BETWEEN:

GANGA YADAVA SANGHA,
A SOCIETY REGISTERED UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF THE KARNATAKA SOCIETIES
REGISTRATION ACT, 1960,
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO. 3,
24TH A CROSS, 7TH MAIN ROAD,
KARESANDRA, BSK 2ND STAGE,
BANGALORE-560070,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
SRI. G BABU, S/O. GANGAMANDARI
AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. CHANDRAKANTH R PATEL.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION,
   MS BUILDING, BANGALORE-560001
   REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

2. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE
   SOCIETIES, RANGE-2,
   BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT,
   NO. 146, SAHAKARA SOUDHA,
   2ND FLOOR, 3RD MAIN ROAD,
   8TH CROSS, MARGOSA ROAD,

MALLESHWARAM BANGALORE-560003.

RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. HARISHA A.S.,AGA)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 06.01.2026 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT TO THE PETITIONER SANGAHA, BEARING NO. CO 83 CSR 2024 ANNEXURE-P AND ETC,.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

The present writ petition is filed seeking for the following reliefs:

a) *"To issue writ in the nature of certiorari or any other appropriate writ order or direction quashing the impugned order dated 06.01.2026 issued by the 2nd respondent to the petitioner Sangaha, bearing No. CO 83 CSR 2024. Annexure-P.*

b) *Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, directing the respondent No.2 Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, to renew the registration of the petitioner Ganga Yadava Sangha under section 13 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, forthwith.*

c) *Grant such other reliefs as this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the interest of justice and equity."*

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2. The petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 06.01.2026 (Annexure-P to the writ petition), whereunder the administrator was appointed to the petitioner.

3. This Court vide interim order dated 22.01.2026 ordered as under:

> *"Mr. Jayakumar S. Patil, the learned Senior counsel for the petitioner, a Society registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 [for short, 'the Societies Act'], is heard on the petitioner's grievance with the appointment of an Administrator vide the impugned order dated 06.01.2026. The learned Senior counsel submits as follows:*
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> *[a] that on 14.06.2024, based on a report under Section 25 of the Societies Act, the petitioner was issued with notice as contemplated under Section 27A thereof with a proposal to appoint an Administrator,*
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> *[b] that this proposal was in the backdrop of the complaint that elections were not held though the term had expired,*
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> *[c] that the petitioner has caused a response on 26.06.2024 specifically stating that elections have been held on 16.06.2024,*
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> *[d] that no further proceedings are held pursuant to such notice,*
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> *[e] that after more than six months, the impugned order is passed appointing an Administrator without any notice to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner has not complied with the requirements under Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Societies Act, and*
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> *[f] that if notice was issued, the petitioner would have had an opportunity to show cause against even these reasons and also seek condonation of delay if there was any requirement for the same.*
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> *In consideration of these submissions, the interim order is granted as prayed for to be in force until*

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further orders with liberty to the respondents to complete the pleadings and seek vacating.

Mr. B. Ravindranath, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the respondents.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on 24.02.2026."

4. Subsequently, this Court vide order dated 01.10.2026 ordered as under:

"Sri. Jayakumar S.Patil, learned Senior Counsel submits that the petitioner-Ganga Yadava Sangha [Sangha] was issued with notice on 20.06.2024 stating that the Sangha has not conducted election and as such an Administrator has to be appointed.

The petitioner submitted reply on 26.06.2024. specifically stating that on 16.06.2024 election of the Sangha has been conducted.

It is the submission of learned Senior Counsel that more than 1 ½ years have lapsed and on 06.01.2026, appointed an administrator based on the notice dated 20.06.2024.

Learned Additional Government Advocate for respondent seeks time to get instructions.

List on 28.10.2026."

5. It is forthcoming from the aforementioned factual matrix that the administrator was appointed since the elections were not conducted. Subsequently, the order of appointing the administrator has been stayed by this Court vide the interim order dated 22.01.2026. It is further forthcoming from the

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records that the elections to the petitioner was held on 16.06.2024.

6. In view of the aforementioned, the cause for appointment of the administrator does not survive. Accordingly, the impugned order bearing No. CO 83 CSR 2024 (Annexure-P to the writ petition) issued by respondent No.2 - Deputy Registrar Of Co-Operative Societies is hereby quashed.

7. The application of the petitioner made for renewal of the petitioner under Section 13 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 shall be considered as expeditiously as possible, in any event not later than two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. The writ petition is ***allowed-in-part*** in the aforementioned terms.

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(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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