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NC: 2026:KHC:60346-DB
WP No. 3182 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010069532026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

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

WRIT PETITION NO.3182 OF 2026 (GM-MM_S)

BETWEEN:

SMT. NALINA KUMARI .A
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,
W/O VENKATASWAMY
R/AT SADAHALLI VILLAGE,
DEVANAHALLI TALUK,
BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT - 562110.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MOHANA CHANDRA P., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: High Court
of Karnataka

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
   M.S. BUILDING, BANGALORE
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.

2. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
   MINES AND GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT,
   CHIKKABALLAPURA DISTRICT,
   CHIKKABALLAPURA - 562101.

…RESPONDENTS

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

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER WRIT OR DIRECTION DIRECTING

RESPONDENT NO.2 TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATION DATED 06.11.2025 VIDE ANNEXURE-E WITHIN THE TIME FIXED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, 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 learned Government Advocate accepts notice for the respondents.

2. The petitioner states that she belongs to Bhovi community, which is a scheduled caste. She has been carrying on work of extraction of building stones manually from Government land bearing Sy.No.356 measuring 15 acres 12 guntas situated at G.Kothuru Village, Nagaragere Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk since several years. The petitioner states that after the Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1994 [**the KMMC Rules**] was amended with effect from 30.12.2024, the proviso to Rule 3F was substituted. She states that in terms of the amended rule, she applied to the Tahasildar for grant of a certificate, which was issued stating that

the petitioner is a traditional quarry operator after due enquiry. Thereafter, on 07.05.2025, the petitioner submitted an application for grant of quarry lease along with necessary documents and fees to the Deputy Director, Mines and Geology Department, Chikkaballapura. However, her application has not been considered till date.

3. The learned Government Advocate states that the petitioner's application would be considered, if it is not already considered, and the decision would be communicated to the petitioner within a period of twelve weeks from date.

4. The respondents are bound down to the said statement.

5. The petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE

AT
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