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NC: 2026:KHC:59445
WP No. 6387 of 2024

CNR: KAHC010109062024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

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

WRIT PETITION NO.6387 OF 2024 (GM-POLICE)

BETWEEN:

D.D. CHANDREGOWDA
S/O LATE DEVEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS
DONAGUDIGE VILLAGE
ALDUR HOBLI
CHIKMAGALURU TALUK AND
DISTRICT-577 111

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. H.P. GANGESH GOWDA, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. MOHAN K.N, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF HOME
M.S.BUILDING
AMBEDKAR VEEDI
BANGALORE-560 001
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

2. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT
CHIKKAMAGALURU-577 101

3. THE POLICE SUB INSPECTOR
ALDUR POLICE STATION
ALDUR-577 111

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Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA

CHIKKAMAGALURU TALUK
AND DISTRICT

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. M. SRINIVAS KUMAR, HCGP)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE R-2 TO DELETE THE NAME OF THE PETITIONER FROM ROWDY LIST MAINTAINED IN R-3 POLICE STATION CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION DTD.30.10.2023 VIDE ANNX-K.

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

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

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking issue of writ of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to remove the name of the petitioner from the rowdy list maintained by respondent No.3-Police by considering the representation dated 30.10.2023 at Annexure-K.

2. It is the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that, though there are no criminal cases pending against the petitioner, however, his name has

been included in the rowdy list way back in the year 2010 and the same is being continued from time to time without any reason.

3. It is his submission that in view of continuation of his name in the rowdy list for over a period of 10 years despite there being no criminal records, the petitioner has submitted the representation dated 30.10.2023 to the DIG, West Zone. However, there has been no response to the said representation so far. It is in the said circumstances, the present writ petition is filed.

4. Learned HCGP submits that even in the year 2023, the name of the petitioner is continued in the rowdy list in view of pendency of Crime Nos.186/2011, 199/2013, 181/2010, 3/2011, 31/2018 and Crime No.17/2020. Therefore, the respondents are justified in continuing the name of the petitioner in the rowdy list.

5. As could be seen from the representation at Annexure-K submitted by the petitioner, the petitioner has made a specific request for removal of his name from the rowdy list contending that the name of the petitioner has been entered in the rowdy list at the instance of the persons involved in sand mafia and the petitioner is the person who has complained against illegal sand mining resulting in huge financial loss to the State Exchequer.

6. In revenge of the same, all the Police Officers who are transferred to the 3rd respondent-Police Station are continuing the name of the petitioner in the rowdy list. The representation submitted by the petitioner has not evoked any response from the respondents. This Court in W.P.No.4504/2021 a/w connected matters disposed of on 22.04.2022 has issued several directions to the State Authorities as to how the rowdy list is to be maintained and reviewed periodically. In the present case also, the guidelines issued by this Court in the judgment referred to

supra will have to be followed by the Respondent Authorities.

7. In the light of the same, the writ petition is ***disposed of*** directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 30.10.2023 for removal of the name of the petitioner from the rowdy list taking note of the directions and observations made by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.No.4504/2021 a/w connected matters disposed of on 22.04.2022 within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Sd/-
(T.P.VIVEKANANDA)
JUDGE

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List No.: 1 Sl No.: 34