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NC: 2026:KHC:61567
WP No. 5045 of 2023
CNR: KAHC010113772023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

WRIT PETITION NO. 5045 OF 2023 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. MALLAPPA
   S/O VEERABHADRAPPA
   AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
   (SENIOR CITIZEN BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED)
   RETIRED WATER MAN
   THUPPADAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT
   HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526

2. G N CHANDRASHEKHARAPPA
   S/O NARAPPA
   AGED ABOUT 63 YEARS
   (SENIOR CITIZEN BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED)
   R/O JAMMENAHALLI VILLAGE
   SIRIGERE POST, CHITRADURGA
   TALUK AND DISTRICT - 577501

3. G K RAJAPPA
   S/O KARIYAPPA
   AGED ABOUT 63 YEARS
   (SENIOR CITIZEN BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED)
   RETIRED WATERMAN
   GANGASAMUDRA GRAM PANCHAYAT
   RAMAGIRI HOBLI
   HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526

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4. PARAMESHWARAPPA
S/O CHANNABASAPPA
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS
(SENIOR CITIZEN BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED)
RETIRED WATER MAN
THUPPADAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526

5. A MARAPPA
S/O YALLAPPA
AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
(SENIOR CITIZEN BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED)
RETIRED WATER MAN
GUNDERI GRAM PANCHAYAT
HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526

6. R S PARAMESHWARAPPA
S/O SIDDAPPA
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS
(SENIOR CITIZEN BENEFIT NOT CLAIMED)
RETIRED BILL COLLECTOR
H D PURA GRAM PANCHAYAT
HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526

7. DRAKSHYANAMMA
W/O LATE JAYAPPA
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS
R/O SINGENAHALLI VILLAGE
HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

8. P K CHIKKAPPA
S/O KARIYAPPA
AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
R/O AVINAHATTI VILLAGE

HOLALKERE TALUK - 577 526
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

…PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. R SHASHIDHAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
   THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
   PANCHAYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT
   AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
   BANGALORE - 560 001

2. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
   ZILLA PANCHAYAT
   CHITRADURGA - 577 501

3. THE CHIEF OFFICER
   TALUK PANCHAYAT
   CHITRADURGA - 577 501

4. THE CHIEF OFFICER
   TALUK PANCHAYAT
   HOLALKERE - 577 526

5. THE PDO, THUPPADAHALLY GRAMA PANCHAYATH
   HOLALKERE (T)
   CHITRADURGA (D)

6. THE PDO, SIRIGERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
   CHITRADURGA TALUK AND DISTRICT

7. THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
   GANGASAMUDRA GRAMA PANCHAYATH

CHIRADURGA TALUK AND DISTRICT

8. THE PDO, GUNDER GRAMA PANCHAYATH
HOLALKERE TALUK AND DISTRICT

9. THE PDO, H.D. PURA G.P.
HOLALKERE TALUK
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

10. THE PDO, VISHWANATHANAHALLY GRAMA
PANCHAYATH HOLALKERE
TALUK, CHITRDURGA DISTRICT

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. N. PRAVEEN KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R2 AND
R4 TO R10;
SMT. ASHVINI PATIL, AGA FOR R1)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO RELEASE THE ARREARS OF SALARIES AND SETTLE THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL PETITIONERS IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

ORAL ORDER

1. The present petition has been filed by employees of the Gram Panchayat, who are now retired and have sought for issuance of writ of *mandamus* to direct the

respondents to release the arrears of salaries and settle the retirement benefits.

2. The petitioners submit that they have made out representations in that regard. Copies of which are enclosed as Annexures 'A' to 'G' series.

3. It is submitted that their salaries and other entitlements on attaining the age of superannuation is required to be settled by the respondents.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents other than the State submits, the Gram Panchayat are required to take an appropriate decision and the representations of the petitioners would be considered and appropriate orders would be passed in accordance with law.

5. In light of the submission, the petition is ***disposed of***.

6. Respondents No.5 to 10 are required to consider the representations of the petitioners enclosed at

Annexures –'A' to 'G' series and pass appropriate orders as is permissible in law within a period not later than eight weeks from the receipt of certified copy of the order.

7. All the contentions on merits are kept open.

Accordingly, the petition is disposed of.

Sd/-
(S SUNIL DUTT YADAV)
JUDGE

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