IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R DEVDAS

WRIT PETITION NO. 9623 OF 2025 (KLR-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI. DHARANENDRA KUMARA. S
S/O SWAMY GOWDA B T ,
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
R/AT BASAVANHALLY,
GANGIGERE, KUNDUR HOBLI,
ALUR TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT-573128

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. AMAR GOWDA K.S., ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. AKARSH KUMAR GOWDA., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
DR AMBEDKAR VEEDI,
BENGALURU-560001

2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
HASSAN DISTRICT,
KARNATAKA-573201

3. THE THASILDAR
HASSAN TALUK,

HASSAN DISTRICT,
KARNATAKA-573201

4. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
HASSAN TALUK AND HASSAN DISTRICT,
KARNATAKA-573201

5. THE REVENUE INSPECTOR
HASSAN TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT-573201

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. B.P.RADHA, AGA)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE R2 TO 4 TO GRANT 5 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN SY. NO. 20 OF BANDIHALLI VILLAGE, SHANTHIGRAMA HOBLI, HASSAN TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT BY CONSIDERING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PETITIONER DATED 30/04/2020 VIDE ANNX-C.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R DEVDAS

ORAL ORDER

The prayer in the writ petition is to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondent authorities to consider

the application seeking grant of the land under ex-servicemen quota.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an ex-serviceman and he has given an application dated 30.04.2020, seeking grant of agricultural land, more particularly, in Sy.No.20 of Bandihalli village, Shanthigrama Hobli, Hassan Taluk and District. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that it would suffice if a direction is issued to the respondent-authorities to consider the application in accordance with law and pass necessary orders.

3. Learned Additional Government Advocate submits that recently there has been an amendment to Rule 8 of the Karnataka Land Grant Rules stating that wherever agricultural lands are not available for being granted to ex-servicemen, only a residential site will be allotted.

4. On hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Additional Government Advocate and on perusing

the petition papers, this Court is of the considered opinion that the respondent authorities are required to consider the application filed by the petitioner. If the petitioner fulfills all the requirement of law and there is no impediment, only then he would be entitled for grant of agricultural land. Further, as stated by the learned Additional Government Advocate, if there is an amendment brought to the Karnataka Land Grant Rules and if it is found that agricultural lands are not available to be granted in favour of the petitioner in Shanthigrama Hobli of Hassan Taluk and District, then the authorities shall take into consideration the relevant provisions and then dispose of the applications of the petitioner in accordance with law.

5. Consequently, the writ petition stands ***disposed of*** with a direction to the 2nd respondent-Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District to secure a report at the hands of the 3rd respondent-Tahsildar and consider the application filed by the petitioner and pass orders in

accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible and at any rate within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(R DEVDAS)
JUDGE

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