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CCC No. 453 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE N.V.BHAVANI

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 453 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. MR. SUDARSHAN.P
S/O I V PILLAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
WORKING AS TAX INSPECTOR,
WHITEFIELD BBMP,
BENGALURU-560 066.

2. MR. CHIKKA HANUMANTHAIAH
S/O CHIKKA RAMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
ARO, HEROHALLI SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU-560 091.

3. MR. K R VENKATESH MURTHY
S/O K RAMACHANDRAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
ARO, K R PURAM SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU-560 036.

4. MR. VENKATAPPA.D
S/O LATE DODDA VENKATAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE ACCESSOR,
RAJARAJESHWARINAGARA ZONE,
BENGALURU-560 098.

5. MR. ANJANAPPA
S/O GANGARATHNAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,

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WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
HEROHALLI SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU-560 091.

6. MR.RAJASHEKARAIAH
S/O GURUSIDDAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
ARO, VIDYARANYAPURA,
YELAHANKA ZONE,
BENGALURU-560 097.

7. MR. G PARTHASARATHI
S/O M C GANGAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
ARO, MARKET WEST ZONE,
BENGALURU-560 002.

8. MR. M RAMESH,
S/O R MAHESHWARAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS,
WORKING AS TAX INSPECTOR,
MAHADEVAPURA ZONE,
BENGALURU-560 016.

9. MR. M MOHAN KUMAR
S/O MUNIYALAGAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
ARO, VIDYARANYAPURA SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU-560 097.

10. MR. R RAMAKRISHNA
S/O RAMANNA,
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
WORKING AS REVENUE INSPECTOR,
RO BYATARAYANAPURA SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU-560 092.

11. MR. B V TEJA PARAKASH
S/O LATE VEERABHADRAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
WORKING AS TAX INSPECTOR,
HEROHALLI SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU-560 091.

12. MR. A NAGAPPA
S/O LATE ANKAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
WORKING AS TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF THE REVENUE OFFICER,
BYATARAYANAPURA,
BENGALURU-560 063.

13. MR. A MURTHY,
S/O APPASWAMY NAIDU,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
WORKING AS TAX INSPECTOR,
ARO, RAJARAJESHWARINAGARA,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 098.

14. MR. K V NARAYANASWAMY
S/O LATE VENKATARAMANAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
WORKING AS TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF ARO UTTARAHALLI,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 061.

15. MR. GOPALAKRISHNA L
S/O LAKSHMINARASIMAHAIH,
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
OFFICE OF ARO CHICKPETE,
BBMP, BANGALORE-560 053.

16. MR. RAMAKRISHNAIAH N
S/O NARASIMAHAIH,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF ARO MALLESHWARAM,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 003.

17. MR. H NARAYANASWAMY
S/O LATE HANUMANTHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF REVENUE OFFICER,
SARVAGNA NAGAR,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 005.

18. MR. N RAMESH
S/O K NARAYANAPPA,

AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
GANGMAN,
OFFICE OF AEE, HSR LAYOUT,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 102.

19. MR. T GOVINDARAJU
S/O THIMMEGOWDA,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
ELECTRICIAN,
OFFICE OF AEE,
DARAHALLI ZONE,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 073.

20. MR. M KRISHNA
S/O LATE MUNIVENKATAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR, ARO,
CV RAMAN NAGARA,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 097.

21. MR. R NAGARAJU
S/O LATE RAMANNA,
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
BOMMANAHALLI ZONE,
BENGALURU-560 068.

22. MR. NARAYANA
S/O LATE MUNIYAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF REVENUE OFFICE,
SARVAGNA NAGAR, BBMP,
BENGALURU-560 005.

23. MR. J NARASIMHA MURTHY
S/O LATE JADLAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
DASARAHALLI ZONE,
HMT LAYOUT, BBMP,
BENGALURU-560 073.

24. MR. K NAGARAJU
S/O LATE GANGADARI,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,

TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF REVENUE OFFICE,
ARO YELAHANKA NEW TOWN,
BYATARAYANAPURA ZONE,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 092.

25. MR. NARASIMHA MURTHY
S/O LATE NARAYAN RAO,
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF REVENUE OFFICE,
CHAMARAJPETE, BBMP,
BENGALURU-560 018.

26. MR. B V GOPALRAJU
S/O LATE B T VENKATACHALAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF REVENUE OFFICE,
DASARAHALLI ZONE, BBMP,
BENGALURU-560 057.

27. MR. M MUNIRAJU
S/O LATE MUNIYAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS,
TAX INSPECTOR,
OFFICE OF REVENUE OFFICE,
JEEVAN BHIMA NAGARA,
BBMP, BENGALURU-560 075.

…COMPLAINANTS

(BY SRI.B.KESHAVA MURTHY, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,
VIKASA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560 001.

…PROFORMA RESPONDENT

2. MR. MAHESHWAR RAO.M,
THE COMMISSIONER,
BRUHATH BANGALORE
MAHANAGARA PALIKE,
NOW IT IS CALLED GREATER

BANGALORE AUTHORITY,
N.R.SQUARE, BENGALURU-560 002.

3. DR.HARISH KUMAR.K,
THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER (ADMIN),
BRUHATH BANGALORE
MAHANAGARA PALIKE,
NOW IT IS CALELD GREATER
BANGALORE AUTHORITY,
N.R.SQUARE, BENGALURU-560 002.

4. MR.RAVINDRA KARILINGANNVAR
THE DY. COMMISSIONER (ADMIN),
BRUHATH BANGALORE
MAHANAGARA PALIKE,
NOW IT IS CALLED GREATER
BANGALORE AUTHORITY,
N.R.SQUARE, BENGALURU-560 002.

…ACCUSED

(BY SMT.NAMITHA MAHESH.B.G., AGA FOR PROFORMA R1;
SRI.B.L.SANJEEV, ADVOCATE FOR A2 TO A4)

THIS CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 215 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT, 1971 BY THE COMPLAINANT PRAYING TO INITIATE CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED HEREIN AND PUNISH THEM UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT, FOR DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 17.09.2025 PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN W.P.NO.25840/2024 (S-PRO) AT ANENXURE-A.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI
AND
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE N.V.BHAVANI

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI)

Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. This petition is filed alleging wilful disobedience of the order dated 17.09.2025 passed in Writ Petition No.25840/2024. By the order aforesaid, the writ Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, disposed of the writ petition with a direction to the respondent Nos.2 to 4 to consider the representations submitted by the petitioners vide Annexures - A1 to A5 taking into consideration the order passed by this Court in Writ Petition No.24317/2021 which was disposed of on 05.09.2023.

3. In the Judgment dated 05.09.2023 passed in Writ Petition No.24317/2021, a learned Single Judge of this Court had directed, in view of the settled law on the position that the petitioners therein had been regularized on the dates mentioned and their seniority would be reckoned from the respective dates on which they were regularised and the seniority is to be assigned to them accordingly.

4. Perused the affidavit filed by Sri. Ravindra Karilingannavar, the Joint Commissioner (Admn.), Greater Benaluru Authority[1], enclosing with an order of the Chief Commissioner, GBA dated 24.09.2026. The order refers to three Government Orders dated 16.01.2014, 10.01.2011 and 13.05.2011 in respect of various employees, who were ordered to be absorbed into service in the Palika with effect from the dates of their regularization. Out of the various employees covered by the aforesaid three orders, a total of 58 employees had filed the Writ Petition No.25840/2024. There are two tables mentioned in the order. The Table-2 contains the dates on which promotion from Group 'D' Post, to the post of Revenue Collector has been considered for the said employees. After taking into account certain disputes and unique situation of some of the employees, as far as the Writ Petition filed bearing Writ Petition No.24317/2021 by Shri. G. Vishwanath seeking fixation of promotion and service seniority was concerned, an order was passed in the case of Sri. G. Vishwanath. It was noted that 58 employees in the case in question actually

[1] GBA

worked as daily-wage employees in the City and Town Municipal Councils and were subsequently regularized with effect from the date of completion of 10 years of service. It was held that the seniority of the employees had been fixed in accordance with Rule-6 of the Karnataka Government Servants (Seniority) Rules, 1957, and their consideration for promotion on the basis of service seniority and in accordance with the erstwhile Cadre and Recruitment Rules, is in order. Thereafter, the following order was passed:-

> *"In the background of what is set out in the preamble and of the opinion report of Head of the Law Cell, this order is issued stating that Sri. Sudarshan P., and other Revenue Collectors (57 persons) actually worked as daily-wage employees in the City and Town Municipal Councils and were subsequently regularised with effect from the date of completion of 10 years of service; that, accordingly, the seniority of the said employees has been fixed in accordance with Rule 6 of the Karnataka Government Servants (Seniority) Rules, 1957, and their consideration for promotion on the basis of service seniority and in accordance with the erstwhile Cadre and Recruitment Rules is in order, and that the representations submitted on 29.09.2023, 29.01.2024. 26.06.2024, 26.06.2024 and 31.07.2024 cannot be considered under the Rules."*

5. In view of the aforesaid, we consign this petition leaving it open to the complainants to approach the appropriate forum, in case they are so advised, challenging the order that has been passed as aforesaid.

Sd/-
(JAYANT BANERJI)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(N.V.BHAVANI)
JUDGE

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