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CCC No. 529 of 2025
CNR: KAHC010304492025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH 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. 529 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

H.G. KUMARASWAMY
S/O LATE GANGAMUNIYAPPA
AGEDABOUT 43 YEARS,
RESIDING AT HONNAGANATHI VILLAGE,
TAVAREKERE POST,
TAVAREKERE HOBLI,
BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK,
BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT – 562130

…COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI. NAVEEN J.N, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   DEPT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
   AND PANCHAYATH RAJ
   M.S.BUILDING
   DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
   BENGALURU-560 001
   REP BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

   ….PROFORMA RESPONDENT

2. SAVITHRAMMA
   THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
   KODIGENAHALLI
   GRAM PANCHAYATH
   NELAMANAGALA TALUK
   BENGALURU RURAL

DISTRICT – 562123

…ACCUSED

(BY SMT. B.SUKANYA BALIGA, AGA FOR PROFORMA R1;
SRI. M. S. PRAKASH, ADVOCATE FOR A2)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTION 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971, BY THE COMPLAINANT, WHEREIN PRAYS THAT THE HONBLE COURT BE PLEASED TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE WILLFUL DEFAULT/WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE BY THE ACCUSED OF THE ORDER PASSED BY THIS HONBLE COURT IN WP NO.8916/2023 (S-RES) DATED 19.04.2023 AND PUNISH THE ACCUSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT.

THIS 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)

The learned counsel appearing for the accused No.2 and the learned AGA are present.

2. The petition is filed alleging willful disobedience of the order dated 19.04.2023 passed by this Court in Writ Petition No.8916/2023. By that order, the writ Court directed the respondent No.3 therein i.e. the Panchayat Development Officer, to consider the representation dated 27.01.1993 made

by the complainant within eight weeks. The grievance of the complainant in the Writ Petition was that he was not being appointed to the post of Bill Collector in terms of the recommendation made by the Gram Panchayat Resolution on 30.01.2023.

3. Two memos as well as one affidavit and one statement of objection are filed on behalf of the accused No.2. There is a memo dated 04.02.2026 on record enclosed with the memo dated 14.07.2026. It is stated therein that on 12.05.2007 the complainant had been appointed as Bill Collector by the Gram Panchayat and, later, the CEO of Bangalore Rural Zilla Panchayath had appointed him as permanent Bill Collector. Subsequently on 10.12.2020 he had resigned from that post voluntarily which was duly accepted. After more than two years, he filed an application for reappointment as Bill Collector to the Panchayat Development Officer. As per a circular of the State Government, the Gram Panchayat had no authority to appoint any officer, including Bill Collector. In the meanwhile, the complainant contested the election of the Gram Panchayat and was elected as a member

and he won the election and was appointed as Vice President of the Panchayat. This fact has not been disclosed in his application.

4. Be that as it may, since an endorsement has already been passed by the competent authority, the order of the writ Court stands complied with. This petition is consigned.

SD/-
(JAYANT BANERJI)
JUDGE

SD/-
(N.V.BHAVANI)
JUDGE

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