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NC: 2026:KHC:59474-DB
WP No. 29068 of 2019

CNR: KAHC010305612019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.S.BHARATH KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO. 29068 OF 2019 (LB-RES-PIL)

BETWEEN:

GURUNATH VADDE
S/O VAJINATH VADDE
AGE ABOUT 55 YEARS
R/O NO 14,
SANTOSH COLONY AURAD (B)
BIDAR DISTRICT - 585326

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS V., ADVOCATE)

AND:

Digitally signed by PAVITHRA N
Location: High Court of Karnataka

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
   VIDHANA SOUDHA
   BANGALORE - 560001

2. THE SECRETARY
   RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATH RAJ
   DEPARTMENT,
   VIDHANA SOUDHA
   BANGALORE - 560001

3. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ZILLA PANCHAYATH
BIDAR - 585401

4. THE CHIEF ENGINEER
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
DEPARTMENT,
1ST FLOOR,
E BLOCK
KHB BUILDING
CAUVERY BHAVAN K G ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560009

5. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
DIVISION BIDAR - 585401

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. KHAMROZ KHAN, AGA FOR R1, R2 & R4;
NOTICE NOT ORDERED IN R/O R3)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER WRIT OF LIKE NATURE AND DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PETITIONER GIVEN ON 3.6.19 I.E., ANNEXURE-J TO THE WRIT PETITION AND DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO PROVIDE PERMANENT DRINKING WATER IN BIDAR DISTRICT BY COMPLETING ALL THE PENDING WATER SCHEME WORKS.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.S.BHARATH KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN)

This writ petition is filed seeking directions to the respondents to consider Annexure-J representation preferred by the writ petitioner and to direct them to provide permanent drinking water in Bidar District by completing all pending water scheme works.

2. A statement of objections had been placed on record by the respondents on 28.09.2019 stating the various steps taken by the respondents to see that the drinking water problem in Bidar District is addressed. A further affidavit dated 20.03.2020, is also placed on record by the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Bidar, wherein, it is stated that the Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims at providing Functional Household Tap Connection to every rural household,

is in operation and that steps have been taken to providing household tap connection to every household by 2024. It is stated that, in case, there are further complaints, the same will be addressed by the respondents.

3. In the above view of the matter, this writ petition is ***closed*** recording the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate. However, it is made clear that in case, there are deficiencies in providing drinking water in the Bidar District, the writ petitioner or any other aggrieved person is free to approach the respondents who shall look into such complaints in accordance with law and take necessary action.

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(K.S.BHARATH KUMAR)
JUDGE

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