IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND

WRIT PETITION NO. 13536 OF 2026 (S-KSAT)

BETWEEN:

SRI S DINESH
S/O LATE S N SHIVANNA,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
PRESENTLY WORKING AS
SENIOR SUB REGISTRAR,
SRIRAMPURAM SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE,
NEAR AGRAHARA DASARAHALLI CIRCLE,
MAGADI MAIN ROAD,
BENGALURU 560072.

PRESENTLY RESIDING AT.
R/AT NO. 189, 2ND B MAIN,
9TH BLOCK,
NAGARABHAVI,
BENGALURU 560072

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SRIKANTH M P., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
   DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

Digitally signed by KIRAN KUMAR R
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

(REGISTRATION AND STAMPS),
M S BUILDING,
BENGALURU 560 001

2. THE KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA
M S BUILDINGS,
DR B R AMBEDKAR ROAD,
BENGALURU 560 001,
REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B. RAVINDRANATH, AGA FOR R1)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO:

(a) SET ASIDE THE INTERIM ORDER DATED 16/04/2026 PASSED ON APPLICATION NO.2045/2026 BY THE HON'BLE KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE, VIDE ANNEXURE-B;

(b) CONSEQUENTIAL RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ORDER OR DIRECTION AS THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT IN THE FACT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE IN THE ENDS OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT)

1. Heard Sri.M.P.Srikanth, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri.B.Ravindranath, learned Additional Government Advocate for respondent No.1.

2. The petitioner is before this Court questioning the interim order dated 16.04.2026 in Application No.2045 of 2026 passed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal at Bengaluru, whereunder, the petitioner's interim prayer to stay the order of entrustment of enquiry dated 10.02.2026 under Rule 14(a) of the Karnataka Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1957 was rejected, on the ground that it is a matter which requires hearing from both sides.

3. Learned counsel, Sri.M.P.Srikanth, would urge several grounds including the ground that the petitioner is a Group-B Officer and the Lokayukta could not have investigated into the allegations and could not have submitted a report.

4. The contentions raised are to be examined by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal and, at this stage, any findings on the said issue would affect both sides.

5. The Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal, on filing of the objections, is requested to hear main Application itself or the interim prayer of the petitioner/applicant.

6. It is needless to state that the proceedings in pursuance of the order dated 10.02.2026 (Annexure 'A9') would be subject to the outcome of the Application filed before the Tribunal.

7. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition is ***disposed of***.

Sd/-
(S.G.PANDIT)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(K. V. ARAVIND)
JUDGE

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