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NC: 2026:KHC:64039
WP No. 16916 of 2023

CNR: KAHC010395292023

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 16916 OF 2023 (S-KSRTC)**

**BETWEEN:**

SEENAPPA L
S/O LATE LAKSHMANA
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
R/AT NO.178, VINAYAKA NAGARA
HESARAGHATTA
BANGALORE-560088.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. M C BASAVARAJU., ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
   BMTC, CENTRAL OFFICES
   KH ROAD, SHANTHI NAGAR
   BENGALURU-560027.

2. THE CHIEF PERSONAL MANAGER
   BMTC, CENTRAL OFFICES
   KH ROAD, SHANTHINAGAR
   BANGALORE-560027.

3. THE DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER
   BMTC, NORTH ZONE
   KH ROAD, SHANTHINAGAR
   BANGALORE-560027.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. RENUKA H R., ADVOCATE FOR R1 TO R3)

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THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO ACCOMMODATE LIGHT WORK TO THE PETITIONER IN THE RESPONDENTS CORPORATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 20(4) OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 2016 WITH PAY PROTECTION BY CONSIDERING HIS REPRESENTATION DATED: 20.2.2023 VIDE ANNEXURE-M TO THE WP AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

**ORAL ORDER**

This writ petition is filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, seeking the following relief:

> *"(i) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to accommodate light work to the petitioner in the respondents corporation in terms of Section 20(4) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 with pay protection by considering his representation dated 20.02.2023 vide Annexure-M to the writ petition under the facts and circumstances of the case."*

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner was appointed as a Driver in the respondent–Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (for short, 'the

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Corporation') on 22.09.2004 and has been serving in the Corporation for more than 18 years. On account of his physical disability, the petitioner has been recommended by light work. The petitioner submitted a representation dated 20.02.2023, vide Annexure-M, requesting the respondent–Corporation to assign him light duty, having regard to his physical disability. However, the said representation has not been considered by the respondent–Corporation. Being aggrieved by the inaction on the part of the respondent–Corporation, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent–Corporation submits that, if reasonable time is granted by this Court, the representation submitted by the petitioner would be considered in accordance with law.

4. In view of the aforesaid submission made by the learned counsel for the respondent–Corporation, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim

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made by the petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the second respondent to consider the representation dated 20.02.2023, vide Annexure-M, having regard to the physical disability of the petitioner and in accordance with law.

5. Accordingly, the following:

**ORDER**

(i) The writ petition stands disposed of.

(ii) The second respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the representation dated 20.02.2023, vide Annexure-M, submitted by the petitioner, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, and in any event, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, if the same has not already been considered.

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(iii) It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner.

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**(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)**
**JUDGE**

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