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NC: 2026:KHC:59420
WP No. 18127 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010398782026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S.INDIRESH

WRIT PETITION NO.18127 OF 2026 (KLR-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. B. RAJESH SHENOY,
   S/O B. GANESH SHENOY,
   AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
   R/AT NO.2/476, PRACHI TELLAR ROAD,
   ANANTHASHAYANA,
   KARKALA TALUK,
   UDUPI DISTRICT,
   KARNATAKA - 574 104.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VISHNU HEGDE, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
   REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY,
   VIDHANA SOUDHA,
   DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR ROAD,
   BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
   REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
   GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
   MS BUILDING,

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

3. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
UDUPI DISTRICT,
UDUPI, KARNATAKA - 576 104.

4. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
KUNDHAPURA SUB DIVISION,
KUNDHAPUR - 576 201.

5. THE TAHSILDAR,
KARKALA TALUK,
PRAJA SOUDHA, KARKALA,
UDUPI DISTRICT – 576104.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. ADITYA DIWAKARA, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE IMPUGNED ENDORSEMENT VIDE NO. AL.N.DC(ETHREA)CR.04/25-26 DATED 11/03/2026 ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO.5, I.E., ANNEXURE A, 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 E.S.INDIRESH

ORAL ORDER

1. In this Writ Petition, petitioner is seeking quashing of the endorsement dated 11.03.2026 (Annexure-A) with a direction to respondent Nos.1 to 4 to cancel the conversion order (Annexure-E) passed by respondent No.4 and to restore the schedule property to its original status as 'agricultural land'.

2. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties, as the land in question has been converted for 'non agricultural purpose' and thereafter the petitioner has approached the respondent-authorities by representation dated 20.05.2025 to reconsider the case for re-conversion of the subject land as 'agricultural land'. In that view of the matter, as the petitioner intends to retain the nature of the land as 'agricultural land', the impugned endorsement dated 11.03.2026 issued by respondent No.5 is accordingly required to be set aside.

3. In the result, I pass the following:

ORDER

(i) The Writ Petition is allowed.

(ii) The endorsement dated 11.03.2026 (Annexure-A) issued by respondent No.5 is accordingly, set aside.

(iii) Respondent No.3 is directed to consider the representation dated 20.05.2025 in accordance with law, as there is no third party rights created in respect of the land in question, and consider the case of the petitioner for conversion of the land in question as 'agricultural land' in accordance with law and to restore to its original status within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

SD/-
(E.S.INDIRESH)
JUDGE

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