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NC: 2026:KHC:62181
WP No. 21361 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010466192026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI M

WRIT PETITION NO. 21361 OF 2026 (CS-RES)

BETWEEN:

M/S. MYSORE TALUK CO-OPERATIVE
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE LTD.,
NO.1804/1, SHIVASHARANA 'MEDARA',
KETHESWARA MAHADWARA,
DHANVANTRI ROAD,
MYSURU - 570 001.
REGISTERED UNDER KARNATAKA
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT, 1959,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RUPESH KUMAR S., ADVOCATE AND
SMT. SUCHITHRA, ADVOCATE - ABSENT)

Digitally signed by PREMCHANDRA MAR
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. ASHOK SIRSIKAR
S/O SUDAKAR SIRSIKAR,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
R/O. NO.80, GOKULAM,
1ST STAGE, MYSURU-570001.

2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION,
M.S. BUILDING,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

3. JOINT REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES,
MYSURU DIVISION,
PUBLIC OFFICES BUILDING,
NEW SAYYAJI RAO ROAD,
MYSORE - 570 024.

4. REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE AUDIT,
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE AUDIT,
MYSORE - 570 024.
MYSURU TALUK.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. T.DADAKHALANDAR, ADVOCATE FOR R1;
SRI. YOGESH D., NAIK, AGA FOR R2 TO R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, SEEKING CERTAIN RELIEFS.

THIS WRIT PETITION IS LISTED FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, AN ORDER IS MADE AS UNDER:

ORAL ORDER

Though matter called twice, there is no representation on behalf of counsel for the petitioner.

Sri.T.Dadakhalandar., counsel for respondent No.1 and Sri.Yogesh D.Naik., Additional Government Advocate for respondent Nos.2 to 4 appeared in person.

2. The writ petition is filed seeking the following prayers:

> *(a) Issue a writ in the nature of MANDAMUS, or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction, directing Respondent No.1 to strictly undertake, bear, and deposit in advance the entirety of the expenditures and audit fees required for the compliance and execution of the audit/inquiry directed by the Order dated 25.02.2026 in W.P.No.12454 of 2025 as per Annexure-B.*
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> *(b) Issue a writ in the nature of MANDAMUS, or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction, directing Respondent No.1 to bear the audit fee expenses with the slabs and stipulations prescribed in the Government Guidelines bearing reference*

No.22/Vy/52/2012-13 dated 21.09.2013 as per Annexure-B.

(c) Pass any other order or direction that this Hon'ble Court may deem fit under the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.

3. Counsel for the respective parties urged several contentions. Heard the arguments and perused the papers with care.

4. A perusal of the prayer sought in the writ petition makes it evident that the petitioner is seeking a writ of mandamus against respondent No.1, who does not fall within the ambit of 'State' as defined under Article 12 of the Constitution of India. In the absence of such status, the relief sought by the petitioner cannot be granted in exercise of the writ jurisdiction of this Court. Consequently, the writ petition is not maintainable and is

liable to be dismissed. Accordingly, the writ petition stands ***dismissed***.

Because of dismissal of the Writ Petition, interim order granted if any stands discharged and pending interlocutory applications if any are disposed of.

Sd/-
(JYOTI M)
JUDGE

AM
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 45