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CNR: KAHC010469042022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH 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. 20295 OF 2022 (LB-RES-PIL)

BETWEEN:

1. MR. SHIVARAM GOPAL KRISHNA GOANKAR
   S/O GOPAL KRISHNA GAONKAR
   R/O. KALLESHWARA POST,
   ANKOLA TALUK,
   UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT-581314.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SUNIL KUMAR H., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: high court of karnataka

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA REPRESENTED BY
   THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
   GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
   VIDHAN SOUDHA,
   BANGALORE-560001.

2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
   DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
   VIDHAN SOUDHA,
   BANGALORE-560001.

3. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
   UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT,
   KARWAR-581301.

4. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ZILLA PANCHAYATH,
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT,
KARWAR-581301.

5. UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE,
INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAVAN,
JORBAGH ROAD,
NEW DELHI - 110003.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. PRAMODHINI KISHAN, AGA FOR R1 TO R3,
SMT. ARCHANA K.M., CGC FOR R5,
R4 SERVED BUT UNREPRESENTED.)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION TO THE VILLAGERS OF KALACHE VILLAGE, YALLAPUR TALUK FOR THE LANDSLIDES THAT HAPPENED IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 BY CONSIDERING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PETITIONER VIDE ANNEXURE A AND A1 AND ETC.,

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, 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)

1. This writ petition is filed seeking the following reliefs;

> *"a. Issue writ of mandamus directing the respondents to provide rehabilitation and compensation to the villagers of Kalache village, Yallapur Taluk for the landslides that happened in the month of July 2021 by considering the representation of the petitioner vide Annexure A and A1.*
>
> *b. Direct the State Government to setup a committee to decide rehabilitation process and compensation mechanism to villagers of kalache, Uttara Kannada District on par with those provided in other states of India.*
>
> *c. Grant such other orders or Directions as this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the case in the interest of justice and equity."*

2. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, learned Additional Government Advocate as well as Central Government Counsel appearing for the impleading respondent - Union of India.

3. Learned Additional Government Advocate submits that appropriate steps have been taken to identify the lands for rehabilitating 41 families which were found to have been affected by the landslide.

4. However, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that there are more than 264 families which were affected by the landslide and that further representations have been forwarded by the petitioner pointing out the actual number of persons affected by the landslide.

5. Learned Government Advocate submits that the said further representation dated 12.10.2026 is also gaining the attention of the respondents and that appropriate steps will be taken in accordance with law after

considering the said representations as well. It is submitted that orders will be passed after hearing the representatives of the writ petitioner as well and that written orders will be made available to the petitioner in this writ petition.

6. In the result:-

(i) The question with regard to rehabilitation is to be decided by the respondents, in accordance with law.

(ii) The respondents shall accordingly take up, consider and pass orders on the representation dated 12.10.2026 of the petitioner which is admittedly received by the respondents.

(iii) Appropriate orders shall be passed after hearing representatives of the petitioner as well, within a period of three months

from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this judgment.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition is ***disposed of.***

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN)
JUDGE

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

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