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WP No. 22699 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010500002026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

WRIT PETITION NO. 22699 OF 2026 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI KEMPANNA
S/O DASAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 27 YEARS,
RESIDING AT SRINIVASAPURA VILLAGE,
MADHUGIRI TALUK,
TUMKUR DISTRICT-572124.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA K., ADVOCATE)

AND:

KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY
REPRESENTED BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
18TH CROSS, SAMPIGE ROAD,
MALLESHARAM,
BANGALORE-560012.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. N.K. RAMESH, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE ENDORSEMENT DATED 29-06-2026 BEARING NO.ED/KEA/LEGAL/WP36550/2024 ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT AS CONTAINED UNDER ANNEXURE-A AND ETC.,

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

ORAL ORDER

The present petition has been filed seeking for issuance of writ of certiorari to set aside the endorsement at Annexure-A issued by the respondent. The petitioner has further sought for issuance of writ of mandamus to direct the respondent to change reservation category of the petitioner from Category-2A to Category-1 after due verification.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner belongs to Category-1. It is further submitted that the petitioner completed his master degree in M.A. Political Science. It is averred that the respondent issued notification inviting applications from eligible candidates to appear for Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) for the post of Assistant Professor.

3. It is submitted that the petitioner while filing application through online mode had filled the reservation category column by mentioning that the petitioner belonged to Category-2A, though the petitioner in fact belonged to Category-1. It is submitted that the declaration in the online form was by an error and the petitioner's reservation category is in fact Category-1.

4. The petitioner submits that he had filed writ petition before this Court in W.P.No.36550/2024 which came to be disposed of directing the respondent to consider the representations of the petitioner. It is submitted that the endorsement now issued at Annexure-A has rejected the request of the petitioner.

5. Learned counsel Sri. N.K. Ramesh appearing for the respondent submits that fresh notification would be issued for holding of the KSET examination and the case of the petitioner may be taken note of appropriately and the

Court may pass orders which would be taken note of by the authority.

6. It is to be noticed that the category to which the petitioner belongs is a matter to be substantiated by the petitioner by production of necessary certificate. The only case made out by the petitioner is that while applying for KSET examination for the year 2023, there was a wrong declaration of reservation category as the petitioner belonged to Category-2A though in fact the petitioner belonged to Category-1.

7. It is the statement of the petitioner that he has made a *bona-fide* error in mentioning the wrong reservation category, requires to be accepted.

8. However, in light of submission of the counsel for the respondent that fresh notification would be issued for the KSET examination, the appropriate relief that could

be moulded is that upon a fresh notification for KSET examination being published.

9. The petitioner would be entitled to apply online by declaring that he belongs to Category-1. The earlier declaration of the petitioner that he belonged to Category-2A filed while applying for KSET examination in 2023 would not come in the way of the petitioner declaring that he belongs to Category-1 insofar as petitioner submits that the earlier declaration regarding category of reservation was by a *bona-fide* mistake.

10. Needless to state, the petitioner's benefit of reservation category is required to be substantiated by production of necessary caste certificate. The petitioner is reserved liberty to apply online once again by making a declaration that he belongs to Category-1, subject to the petitioner substantiating such choice of category by appropriate caste certificate.

11. The order at Annexure-A is to be accordingly construed in light of the above discussion.

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

Sd/-
(S SUNIL DUTT YADAV)
JUDGE

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