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WP No. 22461 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

WRIT PETITION NO. 22461 OF 2026 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. FATHER MULLER CHARITABLE INSTITUTION
FATHER MULLER ROAD, KANKANADY,
MANGALURU-575002.
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR,
FR. FAUSTINE LUCAS LOBO
S/O. LATE JOSEPH LOBO
AGED ABOUT 63 YEARS
(BENEFITS OF SENIOR CITIZENSHIP NOT CLAIMED)

2. FATHER MULLER COLLEGE OF NURSING
FATHER MULLER ROAD, KANKANADY,
MANGALURU-575002.
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL,
SISTER DHANYA DEVASIA
D/O. LATE DEVASIA P
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS

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3. FATHER MULLER NURSING COLLEGE THUMBAY
THUMBAY, BANTWAL,
THUMBAY-574143.
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL,
DR REENA WILMA FRANK
W/O. LEO VICTOR ZALKI
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. UDAYA HOLLA, SENIOR ADVOCATE A/W

SRI. RAJENDRA M. S., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
   MEDICAL EDUCATION, M.S BUILDING,
   BENGALURU-560001
   REPRESENTED BY ITS ADDITIONAL CHIEF
   SECRETARY

2. DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION,
   BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH
   INSTITUTE, KALASIPALYA,
   BENGALURU,
   KARNATAKA 560002

3. KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY,
   18TH CROSS, SAMPIGE ROAD, MALLESHWARAM,
   BENGALURU-560012
   REPRESENTED BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. RASHMI RAO, HCGP FOR R1 AND R2;

SRI. N.K. RAMESH, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 AND 227 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO I. QUASHING THE CANDIDATE ALLOTTED LIST- UGCET 2026-27 ADMISSION DATED 16.07.2026 OF 1ST ROUND OF COUNSELING INSOFAR AS NON-CHRISTIAN STUDENTS ALLOTTED SEATS UNDER MC1 RESERVED SEATS AT PETITIONER NO. 2 INSTITUTIONS AND BELONGING TO KARNATAKA CHRISTIAN MINORITIES UNDER (MC-1 CONSEQUENTLY TO RE-ALLOT THE SAID AMONGST THE TO THE STUDENTS CATEGORY) BASED ON MERIT, AS THE SAME IS HIGHLY ARBITRARY ILLEGAL AND CONTRARY TO THE INTERIM ORDER DATED 16.08.2023 AND JUDGMENT DATED

20.05.2025 PASSED BY THIS HONBLE COURT (ANNEXURES -A, A2, A3 AND B) AND ETC.

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

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

ORAL ORDER

1. The present petition has been filed seeking for the reliefs as follows:

> *i. Issue writ in the nature of Certiorari or any other appropriate writ, order or directions; quashing the candidate allotted list-UGCET 2026-27 admission dated 16.07.2026 of 1st round of counseling insofar as non-Christian students allotted seats under MC1 reserved seats at Petitioner No. 2 institutions consequently to re-allot the said amongst the to the student belonging to Karnataka Christian minorities; under (MC-I Category) based on merit, as the same is highly arbitrary illegal and contrary to the interim order dated 16.08.2023 and judgment dated 20.05.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court (Annexures - A, A2, A3 & B);*
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> *ii. Issue writ in the nature of Certiorari or any other appropriate writ, order or directions; quashing the candidate allotted list UGCET 2026-27 admission dated 16.07.2026 of 1st round of counseling insofar as non-Christian students allotted seats under MC1 reserved seats at Petitioner No. 3 institutions and consequently to re-allot the said amongst the to the students belonging to Karnataka Christian minorities; under (MC-I Category) based on merit, as the same is highly arbitrary illegal and contrary*

to the interim order dated 16.08.2023 and judgment dated 20.05.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court (Annexures - A1, A2, A3 &-B);

iii. Issue writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or directions; directing the Respondent No.3 to conduct the allotment of 'seats' at Petitioner No.2 and 3 institutions strictly as per the seat matrix issued by the Respondent No.2 dated 2.07.2026 to the students belonging to Karnataka Christian minorities; under (MC-I Category) and in the event if MC-I category student not being available under the said category, to allot seats to Christian Minority from other States during the counselling for B.Sc Nursing Course for the academic year 2026-27 (Annexure - B);

iv. Issue writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or directions declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the representations dated 17.07.2026 and 19.07.2026 as highly arbitrary, illegal and violative of Article 19(1)(g), 21, 26 and 30 of the Constitution of India (Annexures - C to C2);

2. The grievance of the petitioners is that the Karnataka Examination Authority had decategorized the seats, leaving open seats to be filled up by non-Christian minorities. The petitioners had sought for adjudication.

3. The State has filed their written submissions dated 06.10.2026, which is taken on record.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits, however, that at this stage, the question of adjudication would not arise as the admission process is complete.

5. Learned counsel for the Karnataka Examination Authority also submits that since admissions having been completed, the question of adjudication at this stage does not arise, however, they submit that in the event of any redressal of grievances, the Admission Overseeing Committee is required to be approached.

6. Taking note of the submission that the admissions for the present year are complete, the writ petition is ***disposed of*** as not calling for adjudication.

7. All contentions are kept open.

Sd/-
(S SUNIL DUTT YADAV)
JUDGE

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