HC-KAR

NC: 2026:KHC:61203-DB
WP No. 24503 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010543992026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 24503 OF 2026 (GM-MM-S)

BETWEEN:

1. SUBHASH
   S/O MALLU KANKONKAR
   AGED 69 YEARS
   OCC: BUSINESS
   R/O: HP NO.17, RAMNAGAR
   TAL: JOIDA, DIST: KARWAR (U.K.) – 581 453

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI ABHIJEET S. KANKONKAR, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI SHADAB HASANSAB YADAWAD, ADVOCATE)

Digitally signed by K P SWETHA
Location: High Court of Karnataka

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS
   CHIEF SECRETARY
   VIDHAN SOUDHA
   BENGALURU – 560 001

2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
   UTTAR KANNADA - 581 301

3. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORD
JOIDA, DIST: UTTAR KANNADA - 581 186

4. THE SENIOR GEOLOGIST
DEPT OF MINES & GEOLOGY
DIST: UTTAR KANNADA – 581 301

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI K.S. HARISH, GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION, QUASHING THE IMPUGNED ENDORSEMENT DATED 28.07.2026 ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO.2, PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-A, AS BEING ILLEGAL, ARBITRARY, CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 95(9) OF THE KARNATAKA LAND REVENUE ACT, 1964, AND ALSO CONTRARY TO THE LAW LAID DOWN BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN W.P. NO.4275/2020, PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-E & ETC.

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
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ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition impugning an endorsement dated 28.07.2026 [**impugned endorsement**] issued by respondent No.2 (Deputy Commissioner, Uttara Kannada District, Karwar) rejecting the petitioner's application for deemed conversion of land under Section 95(9) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 [**KLR Act**]. The petitioner had filed the said application for conversion of land measuring 4 acres and 38 guntas falling in Survey No. 243/125+126 of Ramanagara, Akral Village, Joyida Taluk [**schedule property**].

2. Although the impugned endorsement does not expressly disclose any specific reason for rejection, this court is informed that the petitioner's application was rejected on the ground that it was not accompanied by the requisite sketch.

3. The material facts in the present case are similar to the order of this court dated 03.11.2026 passed in **Deepak v. State of Karnataka and others**[1].

4. In the aforesaid decision, this court had found no fault in the rejection of the application for conversion, as it had not complied with the necessary conditions of Form 21A of the Karnataka Land Revenue Rules, 1966 [**KLR Rules**] which expressly requires an application for conversion to be accompanied by a sketch of the land, the conversion of which was sought.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is liable to be dismissed as well.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, however, submits that since Section 95(9) of the KLR Act contemplates a deemed conversion, the concerned authority would have no jurisdiction to reject the same notwithstanding that the application was not in conformity with the KLR Rules.

[1] W.P.No.24875/2026

7. We find no merit in the said contention. The benefit of a deemed conversion under Section 95 (9) of the KLR Act would flow only if the application is a competent one and has been made in accordance with the KLR Rules. The petition is accordingly dismissed.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE

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