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NC: 2026:KHC:62137-DB
WA No. 1893 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010552292026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

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

WRIT APPEAL NO. 1893 OF 2026 (GM-CC)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI SATISH KUMAR C
S/O. CHANDRASHEKHAR L
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
R/AT NO.65, 2ND CROSS
VENKATSWAMPPA LAYOUT
R.T. NAGAR
BENGALURU – 560 032

…APPELLANT

(BY SRI MALLIKARJUNA, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI SAMPATH A., ADVOCATE)

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

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
VIDHANA SOUDHA
DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BENGALURU - 560 001

2. DISTRICT LEVEL CASTE
VERIFICATION COMMITTEE AND
JOINT DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

NO.21/1, 1ST FLOOR, JELLATE TOWER
MISSION ROAD, SAMPANGIRAMNAGAR
BENGALURU - 560 027
REP. BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY

3. SMT. SANGEETHA B.
W/O. SRI SATISH KUMAR C
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS
R/AT NO.24, OLD MARKET ROAD
2ND CROSS, SHIVAJI NAGAR
BENGALURU - 560 001

…RESPONDENTS

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

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER 07.07.2026 IN W.P. No. 20562/2026 (GM-CC) PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HONBLE COURT & ETC.

THIS APPEAL, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

ORAL JUDGMENT

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

1. The appellant has filed the present appeal impugning the order dated 07.07.2026 [**impugned order]** passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.No.20562/2026 (GM-CC).

2. The appellant had filed the said petition challenging the show cause notice dated 19.06.2026 passed by respondent No.2-District Level Caste Verification Committee and Joint Director, Department of Social Welfare [**Caste Verification Committee**] calling upon the appellant to produce the relevant documents to satisfy the issuance of caste certificate in his favour.

3. The appellant stated that the said proceedings had been initiated pursuant to a complaint filed by his wife (respondent No.3), *inter alia*, alleging that the appellant had obtained the caste certificate by furnishing false information. The appellant contends that matrimonial proceedings are pending between him and his wife, and since she does not belong to the same caste, she has no locus to lodge such a complaint. On the aforesaid basis, it is contended that the proceedings initiated by the Caste Verification Committee are without jurisdiction.

4. The learned Single Judge, having considered the contentions urged, declined to interfere with the show-cause notice, observing that it was open to the appellant to raise his objections before the Competent Authority. The allegation against the appellant is that he

had obtained a caste certificate by furnishing false information. The show cause notice has been issued calling upon the appellant to produce relevant documents to substantiate the Caste Certificate in his favour.

5. We find no infirmity with the initiation of proceedings for such verification. We find no grounds to interfere with the impugned order.

6. The appeal is accordingly dismissed. We clarify that all rights and contentions of the appellant are reserved.

7. In view of dismissal of the appeal, the pending interlocutory application stands disposed of.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE

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