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NC: 2026:KHC:59478-DB
WP No. 26215 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010577902026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH 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. 26215 OF 2026 (GM-RES-PIL)

BETWEEN:

1. SAGAR
   S/O SHIVAPUTRAPPA BERI
   AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
   R/AT 90 JANANI, NARINALA MAIN ROAD,
   4TH CROSS, VIDYA NAGARA,
   NEAR SSV COLLEGE,
   TAWARGERA,
   KOPPAL-583 279

Digitally signed by ASHWINI MAYAPPA MAVARAKAR
Location: High Court of Karnataka

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. GURUPADAPPA GOLAPPA CHAGASHETTI.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   BY ITS SECRETARY,
   DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM,
   VIKASA SOUDHA,
   BANGALORE 560-001

2. THE DIRECTOR OF PORTS AND
   INLAND WATER TRANSPORT,

KARWAR 581302

3. THE COMMISIONER,
KOODALA SANGAMA DEVELOPMENT BOARD,
KOODALA SANGAMA,
HUNUGUND TALUK,
BAGALKOT DISTRICT-587103

4. BASAVARAJ. Y. BHAVIMANI
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
OCCUPATION BOAT OWNER CUM DRIVER
KOODALA SANGAMA
BAGALKOT DISTRICT
OF KRISHNA RIVER,
R/AT RAKKASAGI TALUK, MUDDEBIHAL,
VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT. 586 101

5. VIVEKANANDAIAH R HIREMATH
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
OCCUPATION BOAT OWNER
OF KRISHNA RIVER,
KOODALA SANGAMA
BAGALKOT DISTRICT
R/A ARCHAKARA COLONY,
KOODALA SANGAMA,
HUNUGUND TALUK,
BAGALKOT DISTRICT-587103

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. PRAMODHINI KISHAN, AGA FOR R1 AND R2
SRI SRIDHAR J. MATHAPATHI, ADVOCATE FOR R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA IS FILED PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE 2ND RESPONDENT TO CANCEL THE LICENSE/ AUTHORIZATION BEARING NO. IWT 24/25, DATED 25-O3-2025, SRI KOODALA SANGAMESHWARA

BOATING ISSUED IN FAVOUR OF RESPONDENT NO.4 ANDLICENSE BEARING NO, IWT 52 DATED 25-07-2025, TRIVENI SANGAMA ISSUED IN FAVOUR OF 5TH RESPONDENT PRODUCED AT ANNEXURES C AND D AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, 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)

This petition has been filed seeking the following reliefs;

> *"(a) issue a writ of mandamus directing the 2nd Respondent to cancel the licence/authorization bearing No.IWT 24/25, dated 258-03-2025, Sri Koodala Sangameshwara boating issued in favour of Respondent No.4 and license bearing No.IWT 52 dated 25-07-2025, Triveni Sangama issued in favour of 5th Respondent produced* ***at Annexures C and D.***

(b) Issue any other suitable writ, orders or directions as this Hon'ble Court deems fit under the facts and circumstances of the case."

2. The matter was taken up today, we have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondents No. 4 and 5 as well as the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the official respondents.

3. It is submitted by the learned AGA that an order has been passed on 23.10.2026 withdrawing the NOC granted to the respondents No. 4 and 5.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the facts stated in the order dated 23.10.2026 are incorrect.

5. However, we are of the opinion that the said aspects have to be considered in appropriate proceedings.

6. Recording the submission made by the learned Government Advocate that the NOC has been withdrawn on 23.10.2026, this writ petition is closed.

7. The contentions of respondents No. 4 and 5 are left open.

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN)
JUDGE

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

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