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CCC No. 1148 of 2025

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026**

**PRESENT**

**THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA**

**CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 1148 OF 2025**

**BETWEEN:**

1. SRI MAHABALESHWAR
   S/O SUBRAYA
   AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS
   LITERATE ASSISTANT
   RANGE FOREST OFFICE
   MUDUBIDRI, MANGALORE
   TALUK AND DISTRICT
   R/AT FOREST QUARTERS
   MUDUBIDRI, MANGALURU
   TALUK AND DISTRICT

2. SRI MATHIAS CARVALLO
   S/O JOSEPH CARVALLO
   AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
   W/AS ATTENDER, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY
   CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
   KUNDAPUR, UDUPI DISTRICT
   KUNDAPUR TALUK, UDUPI DISTRICT

…COMPLAINANTS

(BY SRI ARAVIND H., ADVOCATE)

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Location: High Court of Karnataka

**AND:**

1. SRI MANOJ KUMAR
   PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
FOREST, ECOLOGY AND
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
M.S. BUILDING
BENGALURU- 560 001

2. SMT. MEENAKSHI NEGI
PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF
FORESTS (HEAD OF FOREST FORCE)
18TH CROSS, MALLESWARAM
BANGALORE - 560 003

3. SRI DR. V. KARIKALAN
CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
MANGALORE - 565 007

4. SRI GANAPATHI K
DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
KUNDAPUR DIVISION
KUNDAPUR, UDUPI DIST - 576 201

…ACCUSED

5. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
FOREST ECOLOGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT
M.S. BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001

…PRO FORMA RESPONDENT

(BY SRI S.H. RAGHAVENDRA, AGA)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971, R/W ARTICLE 215 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO INITIATE CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED AND PUNISH HIM FOR THIS WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE TO THE ORDER DATED 28.04.2025 W.P.NO.18058/2023 (ANNEXURE-A), THEREBY CAUSE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDER OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN

ITS TRUE SPIRIT AND THUS UPHOLD THE DIGNITY AND MAJESTY OF LAW AND PASS SUCH OTHER ORDERS ALLOWING THE COMPLAINANTS TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES IN TERMS OF THE ORDER, WITH COSTS OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

**ORAL ORDER**

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

1. The learned Additional Government Advocate submits that an SLP has been preferred against the order dated 28.04.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.No.18058 of 2023(S-KSAT) and the same is being listed on 08.04.2026.

2. In view of the above, the complaint is closed at this stage with liberty to the complainant to revive the same subject to the outcome of the proceedings before the Supreme Court.

**Sd/-**
**(VIBHU BAKHRU)**
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-**
**(C.M. POONACHA)**
**JUDGE**

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