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NC: 2026:KHC:61669
WP No. 29010 of 2024

CNR: KAHC010595672024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.VIVEKANANDA

WRIT PETITION NO. 29010 OF 2024 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

MR. ADARSH URS
S/O B. MANJUNATH RAJE URS
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO.25/1
MAHADESHWARA TEMPLE ROAD
KUMBARAKOPPALY
MYSORE-570 016

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI: BHASKAR C R, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE COMMISSIONER
   THE KARNATAKA STATE INFORMATION
   COMMISSION,
   (SECOND APPELLATE AUTHORITY)
   GATE NO.2, II FLOOR
   M.S.BUILDING, DR.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
   BANGALORE-560 001

2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
   FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY
   MYSORE PALACE BOARD
   MYSORE-570 016

3. THE INFORMATION OFFICER
   OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

MYSORE PALACE BOARD
MYSORE-570 016

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI: SHARATH GOWDA G B, ADVOCATE FOR R1;
SRI: B S SACHIN, ADVOCATE FOR R2 & R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUED NECESSARY WRITS/ ORDERS IN THE FORM OF CERTIORARY/ MANDAMUS DIRECTING THEM TO FURNISH THE INFORMATION SOUGHT FOR AS PER ANNEXURE-A1 TO A10 AND ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION BY IMPOSING HEAVY COSTS ON THE RESPONDENTS.

THIS WRIT PETITION COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.VIVEKANANDA

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking issue of writ of mandamus directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to furnish the information sought by the petitioner as per Annexures-A1 to A10.

2. The writ petition has been filed in the wake of rejection of the appeal filed by the petitioner before respondent No.1 - State Commission with the remarks in the web portal

that "kindly clarify whether Mysore Palace Board comes under Government Sector or not?".

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that instead of registering the second appeal by respondent No.1 - State Commission and decide as to whether the Mysore Palace Board is a public authority or not, in terms of the provisions of the Right to Information Act, has erroneously uploaded the above remarks in the web portal calling upon the petitioner to establish that the Mysore Palace Board is a public authority. It is the further grievance of the petitioner that in response to the application filed under the RTI Act, there has been no response from respondent No.3 - Information Officer.

4. Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.3 has filed a memo dated 15.10.2026 enclosing therewith a copy of the endorsement dated 20.02.2024 issued by respondent No.3 addressing to the petitioner herein stating that the Mysore Palace Board is not a public authority as defined under Section 2(h) of the Act and therefore, the information requested under Section 6(1) of the Act cannot be furnished.

5. In light of the issuance of endorsement by the Public Information Officer, rejecting the request for furnishing the information on the ground that the Mysore Palace Board is not a public authority, it is for the petitioner to assail the validity and correctness of the endorsement dated 20.02.2024 in accordance with law.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the endorsement dated 20.02.2024 was never communicated to the petitioner at any point of time, the copy of same is furnished by learned counsel for respondent No.3 today.

7. In light of the same, it is open for the petitioner to assail the correctness of the endorsement dated 20.02.2024 in accordance with law.

8. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition is ***disposed of.***

It is needless to observe that, since the petitioner is before this Court since 2024 and he is being now relegated to file the appeal, if an appeal is filed by the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order,

the First Appellate Authority shall consider and decide the appeal within an outer limit of three months from the date of filing of the appeal. All contentions of the parties are kept open.

Sd/-
(T.P.VIVEKANANDA)
JUDGE

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