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CCC No. 1291 of 2025

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

**DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026**

**PRESENT**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE N.V.BHAVANI**

**CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 1291 OF 2025**

**BETWEEN:**

DINAKOOLI NOWKARARA SANGHA
REGD. UNDER THE TRADE UNIONS ACT, 1926,
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS
DIRECTORATE, KAMALAPURA, HAMPI,
HOSPTE TALUK, BELLARY DISTRICT-583 101,
REPRESENTED BY ITS VICE PRESIDENT,
HANUMANTHAPPA

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI. K B NARAYANA SWAMY, ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. MS.MANJULA N
THE SECRETARY,
GOVT. OF KARNATAKA,
DEPT. OF KANNADA CULTURE & INFORMATION,
NO.1, GROUND FLOOR, VIKASA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560 001.

2. DR. SMITHA. D
THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUM,
PALACE COMPLEX, MYSURU-570 001.

3. DR. SHEJESHWAR. R
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (GULBARGA DIVISION)
DIRECTORATE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUM,
KAMALAPUR, HAMPI, HOSPET TALUK,
BELLARY DISTRICT-583 101

4. SRI. DEVARAJU. A
THE COMMISSIONER,
DEPT. OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUM,

Digitally signed by K G RENUKAMBA
Location: High Court of Karnataka

PALACE COMPLEX,
MYSURU-570 001.

…ACCUSED

5. GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
BY ITS SECRETARY
DEPT. OF KANNADA CULTURE AND INFORMATION,
NO.1, GROUND FLOOR, VIKASA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560 001.

PROFORMA RESPONDENT

(BY SMT. NAMITHA MAHESH B.G., AGA)

THIS CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971, BY THE COMPLAINANT PRAYING TO ISSUE SUMMONS THE ACCUSED AND TRY THEM FOR DISOBEYING AND NON IMPLEMENTING THE ORDER DATED 08.09.2023 IN W.P.NO.14717/2023 (ANNEXURE-A) AFFIRMED BY THE JUDGMENT DATED 20.03.2025 IN W.A.NO.1204/2024 (ANNEXURE-B) PASSED BY THIS COURT.

THIS CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION, COMING ON FOR HEARING ON FRAMING OF CHARGES, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE N.V.BHAVANI

**ORAL ORDER**

**(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI)**

I.A.Nos.3 and 4 of 2026 are filed on behalf of accused Nos. 1 and 4 seeking exemption. For the reasons mentioned in the applications, I.A.Nos.3 and 4 of 2026 are allowed.

2. Learned Additional Government Advocate has filed an affidavit of compliance of Dr.Shejeshwar.R, the Deputy Director, Department of Archaeology Museums and Heritage,

Kamalapura, Hampi enclosing therewith a Government Order dated 02.11.2026, whereby 71 eligible daily wage employees of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage that are listed in the Annexures to the Government Order have been brought under the purview and purposes of the Karnataka Daily Wage Employees' Welfare Act, 2012. The affidavit is taken on record.

3. Learned Counsel for the complainant states that the order of the writ Court has been complied with. However it is stated by learned Counsel for the complainant that the daily wage employees at Serial No.40 i.e. Umesh Kalappa and Sl.No.61 i.e. Subhan are SSLC qualified and therefore would come under 'Group-C' category and not 'Group-D'. The accused shall examine and take a decision thereon.

4. Subject to the aforesaid observation, this petition is consigned.

**Sd/-**
**(JAYANT BANERJI)**
**JUDGE**

**Sd/-**
**(N.V.BHAVANI)**
**JUDGE**

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