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WP No. 30111 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

WRIT PETITION NO. 30111 OF 2026 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI ANIL K M
S/O. MANJAYYA K.G.
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
WORKING AS JUNIOR LINEMAN, BESCOM
NELAMANGALA SUB-DIVISION
R/AT NO, THOREKEMPOHALLI VILLAGE
MADLAKOTE POST
NELAMANGALA TALUK - 562 123

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAKSHITH R., ADVOCATE)

AND:

Digitally signed by VIDYA G R
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

1. THE BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (BESCOM)
REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR
K.R. CIRCLE, BENGALURU - 560 001

2. THE GENERAL MANAGER(ADMINISTRATION AND HR)
BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY
LIMITED(BESCOM)
BENGALURU - 560 001

3. THE CHIEF ENGINEER
BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY

LIMITED (BESCOM)
NELAMANGALA DIVISION/CIRCLE
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 123.

4. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WORKS AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION
BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY
LIMITED (BESCOM)
NELAMANGALA - 562 123

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. LIKITH R. PRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 AND 227 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT NO.4/COMPETENT RESPONDENT AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER AND DISPOSE OF THE PETITIONERS REPRESENTATION REGARDING HIS PLACE OF DUTY AT BEGURU CAMP, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ORDERS THE BEARING NO. BIVIKO/BC31/176/2025-26/1068 DATED 18.03.2026, NO. MUEV(VI)/LENE/AA/S-4/333(2)/2026-27/1630-38 DATED 27.05.2026 AND NO. KANIEV (VI)/NEVE/AA/SLI/HESA/26-27/1889-92 DATED 02.06.2026, AND PASS A REASONED AND SPEAKING ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S SUNIL DUTT YADAV

ORAL ORDER

1. The present petition has been filed by Junior Lineman seeking for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* to direct the respondent No.4 to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation regarding his place of duty at Begur camp.

2. The petitioner submits that he has made a representation dated 02.07.2026 seeking for clarification regarding his place of work. The case of the petitioner is that by virtue of an order dated 18.03.2026, the existing Nelamangala Sub-division under Nelamangla Division of Bengaluru Rural Circle has been bifurcated and a new Madanayakanahalli Sub-division has been created.

3. It is further asserted that the competent authority has issued an order specifying jurisdiction of the concerned Works and Maintenance Unit. Copy of which is produced at Annexure-C. It is also submitted that existing employees cannot be transferred and are required to be

continued and allowed to discharge their duties at their respective camps where they have been working.

4. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been directed to discharge his duties at Begur camp under Works and Maintenance Unit 2, which has resulted in an ambiguity regarding the Administrative unit under which he is required to discharge his duty. Accordingly, it is submitted that Annexure-A representation has been made and the respondent is required to consider.

5. This Court had directed an affidavit to be filed by an official of the respondent to take their stand regarding the controversy on hand.

6. The affidavit of Assistant Executive Engineer has been filed. It is asserted that the petitioner is to report to his Section Officer, who is an Assistant Engineer and the details of the said official are mentioned. The nature of work of the petitioner is detailed in paragraphs 2 and 3 to

11 of the affidavit. Regarding the details of the geographical limits, same are extracted herein:

> *2. I submit that, the petitioner is working as Junior Lineman in O & M - 2, Nelamangala Sub-Division, falling within my divisional jurisdiction. The petitioner is reportable to his Section Officer, who is the Assistant Engineer and such Section Officer is presently Mr. Mohan Kumar C. & the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer of Nelamangala Sub-Division is Mr. Ramesh T. The petitioner being a Junior Lineman is basically entrusted with the duties pertaining to regular electric line (HT/LT), transformer maintenance and attending of calls of consumer complainants, break-down works and any other trouble-shooting and maintenance works as directed by the section officer.*
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> *3. I submit that, I'm discharging the duties of Executive Engineer, Nelamangala Division, under which presently there are 3 Sub-Divisions namely Nelamangala, Madhanayakanahalli and Dobaspete. The said Sub-Divisions were carved out of previous Nelamangala Division which consisted of Nelamangala, Dobaspete, Doddaballapur Urban and Doddaballapur Rural Sub-Divisions. The de-limitation of erstwhile Nelamangala Division was done vide Order dated 18.03.2026 in which the Doddaballapur Urban and Doddaballapur Rural Sub-divisions falling under Nelamangala Division was transferred out to newly created Devanahalli Division and at the same time Madhanayakanahalli Sub-Division was newly created along with existing Nelamangala and Dobaspete Sub-Division. By virtue of the said order Nelamangala Division consisted of Nelamangala Sub-Division, Madhanayakanahalli*

Sub-Division & Dobaspete Sub-Division. The copy of said order dated 18.03.2026 is herewith produced along with this affidavit as Annexure - R1.

4. I submit that, subsequent to the board approval dated 18.03.2026 as stated supra the Dobaspete Sub-Division and the area falling under the same remained unchanged. However, the Madhanayakanahalli Sub-Division was created by bifurcating the Nelamangala Sub-Division. As a result, the geographical area falling within the jurisdiction of Nelamangala Sub-Division was bifurcated between Nelamangala Sub-Division and Madhanayakanahalli Sub-Division vide Implementation Order dated 27.05.2026. The said order is produced along with this affidavit as Annexure R2.

5. I submit that, by virtue of the said Implementation Order Nelamangala Sub-Division consisted of O & M - 1 and O & M -2. The geographical area falling under the Nelamangala Sub-Division is bifurcated among O & M1 and O&M - 2. The geographical area which falls towards right side of the NH-48 from Bengaluru to Tumkur, Arishinakunte Village to Siddhartha Medical College would fall within the O & M-1 and that area 2 of towards the left side would fall within O & M -2 Nelamangala Sub-Division.

6. I submit that, particularly the T. Begur Panchayath consisting of T. Begur, Marohalli, Byranahalli, Hucchegowdanapalya, Malonagathihalli, Kambayyanapalya, Anandanagara, Araledibba, Agasarahalli, Torekempohalli, Geddalahalli, Tirumalapura, Tonnegowdanapalya, Guttayyanapalya, & Krishnarajapura, villages was within the jurisdiction of O & M - 2 Netamangala Sub-

Division before the said bifurcation. However, subsequent to bifurcation the geographical area of T Begur Panchayath was bifurcated O & M-1 and O & M-2. The T. Begur Panchayath which paves way for NiH-48 falls on left and right side of the said highway. As per the bifurcation Implementation Order dated 27.05.2026 all that area of T. Begur Panchayath falling on the right side of the said National Highway from Bengaluru to Tumkur is within O & M -1 of Nelamangala Sub-Division and all that area falling on the left side of the said National Highway from Bengaluru to Tumkur is within O & M - 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division. The copy of the boundary map of Nelamangala Sub-Division before and after bifurcation is produced herewith as Annexure - R3 & R4

7. I submit that, as per the Implementation Order dated 27.05.2026, among other Grampanchayaths, the T. Begur Panchayath was divided between O & M 1 and O & M-2 wherein O & M 1 consisted of part of T. Begur, part of Marohalli, Byranahalli, Hucchegowdanapalya, Malonagathihalli & Kambayyanapalya. The remaining villages in T. Begur Panchayath being part of T.Begur, part of Marohalli, Anandanagara, Araledibba, Agasarahalli, Torekempohalli, Geddalahalli, Tirumalapura, Honnegowdanapalya, Guttayyanapalya, & Krishnarajapura, falls within O & M - 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division.

8. I submit that, the petitioner was assigned to T. Begur Panchayath which was termed as T. Begur Camp within the O & M - 2 Nelamangala Sub-Division which consisted of all the villages as stated above in para 6. Subsequent to bifurcation the petitioner has been assigned to part of T. Begur Panchayath which consisted of few villages

namely, part of T. Begur, part of Marohalli, Anandanagara, Araledibba, Agasarahalli, Torekempohalli, Geddalahalli, Tirumalapura, Honnegowdanapalya, Guttayyanapalya, & Krishnarajapura, within the O & M - 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division. Effectively, the petitioner's area of operation has reduced to few villages of T. Begur Panchayath falling within O & M - 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division unlike previously the entire T. Begur Panchayath consisting of all villages that was assigned to the petitioner.

9. I submit that, villages namely part of T. Begur, part of Marohalli, Byranahalli, Hucchegowdanapalya, Malonagathihalli & Kambayyanapalya falling under O & M 1 of Nelamangala Sub-Division is separate and distinct and the Section Officer/Assistant Engineer is Mr. Deepak Kumar. The villages namely part of T. Begur, part of Marohalli, Anandanagara, Araledibba, Agasarahalli, Torekempohalli, Geddalahalli, Tirumalapura, Honnegowdanapalya, Guttayyanapalya, & Krishnarajapura, falling under O & M 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division is separate and distinct and the Section Officer/Assistant Engineer is Mr. Mohan Kumar C., under whom the petitioner is working as Junior Lineman.

10. I submit that, earlier also when the entire T. Begur Panchayath was falling within O & M - 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division the Section Officer/Assistant Engineer is Mr. Mohan Kumar C. Subsequent to bifurcation the Reporting Officer and the Section Officer with respect to the petitioner remained unchanged. However, the area of operation assigned to the petitioner was reduced to few villages of T. Begur Panchayath part of which is falling under O & M - 2 of

Nelamangala Sub-Division with same scope of work as it was earlier.

11. I submit that, the daily work of the operation & maintenance team is specifically noted in the work allocation register without there being any misunderstanding or lack of information to the employees. The petitioner is presently discharging the duties assigned to him by his Section Officer/Assistant Engineer and as on today also the petitioner is discharging his duties as junior lineman in part of T. Begur Panchayath consisting of part of T. Begur, part of Marohalli, Anandanagara, Araledibba, Agasarahalli, Torekempohalli, Geddalahalli, Tirumalapura, Honnegowdanapalya, Guttayyanapalya, & Krishnarajapura, falling under O & M - 2 of Nelamangala Sub-Division.

7. Further, it is submitted that if there is any ambiguity, the petitioner is to clarify the same from the Assistant Engineer, who is the Reporting Officer, who assigns works to the petitioner.

8. In light of the affidavit extracted above, and the clarification contained in the affidavit which is self-explanatory, the matter does not call for any further adjudication. It is also clear that in the event of any ambiguity, the petitioner is to have the same clarified by his reporting officer. Accordingly, the petition does not call

for adjudication. The Administrative issues relating to work and geographical extent of the units are matters between the petitioner and his employer and do not call for the Court to enter into such adjudication.

9. Accordingly, the petition is ***disposed of*** taking note of the contents of the affidavit extracted above.

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(S SUNIL DUTT YADAV)
JUDGE

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