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WP No. 31859 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010691412026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S.INDIRESH

WRIT PETITION NO.31859 OF 2026 (LR)

BETWEEN:

1. B. KARIYAPPA
   S/O DODDABENGALURAPPA
   @ BENGALURAPPA,
   AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
   R/AT ENDALAVADI VILLAGE,
   BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. D.R. SRIDHARA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
   RAMANAGARA SUB DIVISION,
   RAMANAGARA.

2. THE TAHASILDAR
   KANAKAPURA TALUK,
   KANAKAPURA.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. SHARADA H.V., AGA)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASH

THE ORDER DATED 30/01/2020 PASSED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, IN CASE RAMANAGARA SUB-DIVISION, RAMANAGARA, NO.L.R.F.79(A) AND (B) 05/2015-16 VIDE ANNEXURE-A.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S.INDIRESH

ORAL ORDER

Smt. Sharadha H.V., learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice for respondents.

2. In this petition, the petitioner is challenging the order dated 30th January, 2020 (Annexure-A) passed by the respondent No.2-Assistant Commissioner in Case No.LRF 79 (A)&(B) 05/2015-16.

2. Heard Sri. D.R. Sridhara, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Smt. Sharadha H.V.,

learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for respondent-State.

3. It is noticed that, in an identical circumstances, the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in the case of **M*/S. PAPAIN AND CHEMICALS (P) LTD. AND ANOTHER vs. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS*** made in *Writ Petition No.20349 of 2023 d*ecided on *01st April, 2025,* allowed the writ petition. At paragraph 3 of the said order, it is held as under:

> *"3. In the normal course, the matter would have to be remanded to the Assistant Commissioner, since Sections 79A and 79B of the Act were omitted by virtue of an amendment to the Land Reforms Act, no useful purpose would be served by remanding the matter to the Assistant Commissioner and hence, the impugned proceedings initiated shall stand abated."*

4. Taking into account the fact that the petitioner herein is challenging the order of vesting

passed by the Assistant Commissioner for contravention of Sections 79A and 79B of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961 and the said provisions were omitted by virtue of an amendment to the Land Reforms Act, I am of the view that the present petition deserves to be allowed, by following the order passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Writ Petition No.20349 of 2023 decided on 01st April, 2025.

5. Accordingly, I pass the following:

O R D E R

(i) Writ Petition is ***allowed;***

(ii) Order dated 30th January, 2020 (Annexure-A) passed by the respondent No.2-Assistant Commissioner, Ramanagara Sub-Division, Ramanagara, in Case No.LRF

79 (A)&(B) 05/2015-16 is hereby set-aside;

(iii) The respondent No.2-Tahsildar is directed restore the name of the petitioner in the revenue records in respect of the subject land forthwith.

SD/-
(E.S.INDIRESH)
JUDGE

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