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CNR: KAHC010703482026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT

AND

THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 31934 OF 2026 (S-KSAT)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. NAGARATHNA K R
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
W/O. KOTRESHI. P
WORKING AS HISTORY LECTURER
GOVT. P.U.COLLEGE, SANDUR, BELLARY
R/AT NEAR 108 ESHWARA TEMPLE,
KOTTURU, BELLARY DISTRICT-583134.

2. SRI. VASANT V BEKKERI,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN KANNADA,
GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
HALLUR DC0 221, GOKAK TALUK,
BELAGAVI DISTRICT,
R/AT YALPARATTI, RAIBAG TALUK,
BELAGAVI DISTRICT -591311.

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3. SRI. B.B. KODLI S/O. BASAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
YAMAKANMARADI DC0203,
HUKKERI TALUK, BELAGAVI -591246
R/AT. NO.248, 2ND MAIN WEST,
4TH CROSS, H.D.KUMARSWAMY
LAYOUT, BELAGAVI – 590019.

4. SMT. SUJATHA. P
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
W/O. SHANKARAPPA C GULER,
WORKING AS ENGLISH LECTURER,

GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
ARABAGATTE, HONNALI TALUK,
DAVANAGERE,
R/AT. NO.135, SAVINENAPU NILAYA,
MAIN ROAD, APOORVA LAYOUT,
PURALI, SHIMOGA – 577222.

5. SRI. VENKATARAMAPPA. G,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
S/O. GUJJARAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
MOKA, BELLARY TALUK AND DISTRICT
R/AT. WARD NO.39, KHB COLONY,
NETHAJI NAGAR, INFANTRY ROAD,
BELLARY DISTRICT-583014.

6. SRI. RAMESH MUSLI,
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
S/O. SANNA SOMAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
BANNIKOPPA, KUKANOOR TALUK,
KOPPAL DISTRICT-583232.

7. SRI. GAVISHIDDAPPA DODDAMANI
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
S/O KALAPPA DODDAMANI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
KATARAKIGUDLANURU RK0143,
KOPPAL DISTRICT
R/AT AMBEDKAR NAGAR,
17TH WARD, KUKANOOR,
KOPPAL DISTRICT-583231.

8. SRI. SUBRAMANYA. K.N.,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
S/O. NAGESH. K.G,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. PRE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
RIPPANAPETE TT0035,
HOSANAGARA TALUK,
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT

R/AT KIRUKODU VILLAGE,
SARU POST, THIRTHAHALLI TALUK,
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 422.

9. SRI. GADIGEPPA SADASHIV DUNDIGERI,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,
S/O. SADASHIV DUNDIGERI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN KANNADA,
DJH GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
JALALPUR (DC0208),
RAIBAG TALUK, BELAGAVI DISTRICT
R/AT. SIDDAPUR, KHEMALAPUR
RAIBAG TALUK,
BELAGAVI DISTRICT-591311.

10. SRI. AMARESH.
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
S/O. BASANNA DEVARAL,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ECONOMICS,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, KANAKAGIRI,
KOPPA DISTRICT-583283
R/AT 12TH WARD,
YAMANOORASWAMY DARGA,
KANAKAGIRI TALUK,
KOPPAL DISTRICT-583283.

11. SMT. SUMITRA. A,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
W/O. BASAVARAJ YALAPI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HINDI,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, YELABURGA,
KOPPAL DISTRICT,
R/AT. NEAR CHOUKI TEMPLE,
KOULPET, KINNAL POST,
KOPPAL DISTRICT-583230.

12. SRI. OHILESHA. B. BALAMURI,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
S/O. BHEMANA GOWDA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE HITHALA,
SHIKARIPURA TALUK,
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT - 577427
R/AT. THIMALAPURA POST,

RATTIHALLI TALUK,
HAVERI DISTRICT – 581208.

13. SMT. SHANTAMMA,
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
W/O. YALLAPPA KATTIMANI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
MUDGAL RR0021, RAICHUR DISTRICT,
R/AT. AMIDHIHAL, LINGASUGUR TALUK,
RAICHUR DISTRICT-584122.

14. SRI. PARASAPPA UTAGI,
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
S/O. NANDEPPA UTAGI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HISTRORY
SFD GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
HATTIMATTUR, SAVANUR,
HAVERI - 581118
R/AT. SHIVAJI CIRCLE, HUNNUR
JAMKHANDI TALUK,
BAGALKOT DISTRICT-587301.

15. SRI. CHIDANANDA MALLAPA MAGADURA,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
S/O. MALLAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN BUSINESS
STUDIES, GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
KOKATANUR, ATHANI TALUK,
R/AT ALAKHANUR, RAIBAG TALUK,
BELAGAVI – 591220.

16. SRI. SRIKANTHA. K.N.
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS.
S/O. NARAYANA K.N.,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN EDUCATION,
FCM GOVT. PU COLLEGE, GUDAGERI,
KUNDAGOL TALUK,
DHARWAD DISTRICT-581107.

17. SMT. LATHA. G.C.,
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
W/O. VISHWANTHA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ENGLISH,

GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, KOLAR,
R/AT. NO.61, VISHWANILAYA,
KESHAVANAGAR, 4TH CROSS,
KHADRIPURA MAIN ROAD,
KOLAR-563101.

18. SRI. KIRAN.B S/O. BELLAIAH
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN EDUCATION,
GOVT. P U COLLEGE,
LINGASUGURU, RAICHUR DISTRICT,
R/AT. MANGALA VILLAGE AND POST,
GUNDLUPET TALUK,
CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT-571126.

19. SMT. NETHRAVATHI. M,
AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS,
W/O. HANUMANTHA. K.M.,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN COMMERCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, KOLAR,
R/AT. NO.130, V.R. DOLLOR CITY,
BASAVANATA, KOLAR-563101.

20. SRI. BASAVAPPA SAVOOR,
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
S/O. DYAMAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
BELAGALPET, HANGAL TALUK,
HAVERI DISTRICT - 581205
R/AT BANKAPURA POST,
SHIGGAON TALUK,
HAVERI DISTRICT-581205.

21. SRI. MAHADEVAPPA S/O. IRAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, GOBBUR,
AFZALPUR TALUK, KALABURGI DISTRICT
R/AT. DUDDANAGI, BHOSAGA POST,
AFZALPUR TALUK,
KALABURGI DISTRICT-585301.

22. SRI. BEERAPPA KURUBAR,
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
S/O. BASAVANTAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN KANNADA,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE FOR GIRLS,
HAVERI, HAVERI DISTRICT
R/AT LINGADAHALLI,
RANEBENNUR TALUK,
HAVERI DISTRICT-581115.

23. SRI. SIDDARAM PUJARI,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
S/O. MALLAPPA PUJARI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN COMMERCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE AFZALPUR,
KALABURGI DISTRICT,
R/AT MANNUR POST, AFZALPUR TALUK,
KALABURGI DISTRICT–585301.

24. SRI. PRABHAKARA. S.B,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
S/O. BASAVARAJ. S,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE FOR GIRLS,
BALAMATA, MANGALORE-575001
R/AT NO.405, WINDGETS APARTMENT,
YELAHANKA NEW TOWN,
BENGALURU -560 064.

25. DR. YOGESHA. G.C,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
S./O. CHANDRE GOWDA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE D.J HALLI,
BENGALURU
R/AT. GOVINAKERE VILLAGE,
OBLAPAUR POST,
CHANNARAYAPATNA TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT-573111.

26. SRI. V. MOHAN S/O. VENKATESH
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN PHYSICS,
ALK GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,

BELLURU, NAGAMANALA TALUK,
MANDAYA DISTRICT
R/AT NO.8, 1ST MAIN, 2ND CROSS,
SRINIDHI LAYOUT, CHUNCHAGHATTA
NEAR RAJANANDINI HOSPITAL,
JANAKKAPURA ROAD,
BENGALURU -560 062.

27. SRI. HARSHA POOJARY,
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
S/O. VENKATA POOJARY,
WORKING AS
LECTURER IN BUSINESS STUDIES,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, KOKKARNE,
BRAHAMVAR TALUK,
UDUPI DISTRICT - 576234
R/AT. SRI. HONNAMMA KRUPA,
SRI. HONNAMMADEVI TEMPLE ROAD,
CHARA POST AND VILLAGE,
HEBRI TALUK, UDUPI DISTRICT–576112.

28. SRI. VASU MOGER,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
S/O. DURGAPPA MOGER,
WORKING AS
LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, TENKANIDIYURU,
UDUPI DISTRICT
R/AT. BEDRAMANE,
BASTI KAIKINI VILLAGE,
UDUPI DISTRICT-581421.

29. SRI. AJAYAKUMAR MACHAKNUR
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
S/O. DURAGAVVA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN GEOGRAPHY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
K.K. KOPPA, BELAGAVI
R/AT. ARALKATTI POST,
LOKAPUR, MUDHOL TALUK,
BAGALKOT DISTRICT-587122.

30. SRI. IRAPPA M AMBII,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,

S/O. MAHADEVAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE DODDWAD,
BAILHONGAL TALUK,
BELAGAVI DISTRICT - 591104
R/AT DODWAD, BAILHONGAL TALUK,
BELAGAVI DISTRICT -591104.

31. SRI. MADIVALARA HULUGAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
S/O. M SIDDAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ECONOMICS,
G.B. GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, H.B.HALLI,
VIJAYA NAGAR DISTRICT - 583212
R/AT. K.R. BANDI, PINJAR HEGDALU,
H.B.HALLI TALUK,
VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT-583212.

32. SRI. AZAAZ S/O. LATE. SHAIK ISMAIL,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HISTORY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE SADALI,
SHIDLAGHATTA TALUK,
CHIKKABALLAPURA DISTRICT - 562105.
R/AT. RAMAKRISHNAPPA LAYOUT,
KONAPPAPALLI VILLAGE,
CHINTHAMANI TALUK,
CHIKKABALLAPURA DISTRICT-563125.

33. SRI. SWAMY. H.B. S/O. CHETHAN. N,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HISTORY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, B. SEEHALLI,
T.N.PURA TALUK, MYSORE DISTRICT
R/AT. HULASAGUNDI VILLAGE,
BHEEMANABEEDU POST,
GUNDLUPET TALUK,
CHAMARAJA NAGAR DISTRICT-571111.

34. SRI. CHETHAN N. S/O. NANJUNDAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
WORKING AS GEOGRAPHY LECTURER
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, JAVAGAL,

ARASIKERE TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT
R/AT MARASHETTIHALLI,
HULLEKERE POST,
ARASIKERE TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT – 573103.

35. SMT. NETHRAVATHI T.D.
W/O. RAMESH C.K.
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER
IN BUSINESS STUDIES,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, HIRISAVE,
CHANNARAYAPATNA TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT - 573124
R/AT NO.91, GOVT. JUNIOR COLLEGE ROAD,
BEHIND GOVT. HOSPITAL,
RAYAN NAGAR, NELAMANGALA
BENGALURU RURAL – 562123.

36. DR. PRAKASH MADARI,
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
S/O MUDABASAPPA MADARI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ECONOMICS,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
K. K.KOPPA, BELAGAVI.
R/AT NO.A/76, INDAL NAGAR,
SHINDHOLI, BELAGAVI TALUK,
BELAGAVI DISTRICT-591124.

37. SRI. MEGERI ANANDA REDDY,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
S/O MEGERI DODDAVENKAREDDY,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HINDI,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE MUNDARAGI,
GADAG DISTRICT
R/AT. GADDIKERI VILLAGE,
HAGARIBOMMANAHALLI TALUK,
VIJAYANAGAR DISTRICT-583224.

38. SRI. BESTAR PUNDALEKA
AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS,
S/O. MOKSHAPATHI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HISTORY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE GANGAVATHI

KOPPAL DISTRICT
R/AT. MUTHKUR VILLAGE,
H.B. HALLI TALUK,
VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT – 583224.

39. SRI. BHEEMAPPA DHOOLAPPA, AJJODI
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
S/O. DHOOLAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN GEOGRAPHY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, GULEDAGUDDA,
BAGALKOT DISTRICT
R/AT KUNIKORAVAR ONI,
GULEDAGUDDA POST,
GULEDAGUDDA TALUK,
BAGALKOT DISTRICT-587203.

40. SRI. LOKESH. T.T,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,
S/O. THIMME GOWDA T.D.,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN KANNADA,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE HIRISAVE
CHANNARAYAPATNA TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT - 573116
R/AT THURUGANAHALLI VILLAGE,
KADAL POST, ALUR TALUK,
HASSAN DISTRICT-573213.

41. SRI. PAMPA REDDY,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
S/O. NARASA REDDY
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ENGLISH,
GOVT. P.U. KESARAHATTI,
GANGAVATHI TALUK, KOPPAL DISTRICT
R/AT 11TH WARD,
REDDY STREET, KANAKAGIRI,
KOPPAL DISTRICT-583283.

42. SRI. SHANKARAPPA EITI S/O. S.B. EITI,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ECONOMICS,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
LAKSHEMSHWAR, GADAG DISTRICT
R/AT MAROL VILLAGE, HALAGI POST,
HAVERI TALUK AND DISTRICT-581213.

43. SRI. GADEPPA S/O. SHEELAMMA
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HISTORY
GOVT. P.U.COLLEGE, KHARIARAWAD,
LINGASUGUR TALUK,
RAICHUR DISTRICT - 584122
R/AT CHITRANAL, MAVINABHAVI,
LINGASGUR TALUK,
RAICHUR DISTRICT-584122.

44. SMT. MALLAMMA,
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
W/O. GOVISIDDAYYA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT P.U. COLLEGE, BEVOOR,
YALABURGA TALUK, KOPPAL DISTRICT
R/AT LIG 64, 2ND PHASE,
ADARSH COLONY, KALABURGI-585101.

45. MISS. SHIVAKANTAMMA KALLUR,
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
D/O. CHANNABASAPPA,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE AFZALPUR,
KALABURGI DISTRICT
R/AT. FLAT NO.336, KK-4,
KASHIKAMAL APARTMENT,
AFZALPUR MAIN ROAD,
BEHIND HIGH COURT,
KALABURGI-585103.

46. SRI. RUDRESH S/O. MALLAPPA TABALI
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN KANNADA,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE FOR BOYS,
GANGAVATHI, KOPPA DISTRICT-583235
R/AT ARAHAL (AT)(POST),
GANGAVATHI TALUK,
KOPPA DISTRICT – 583235.

47. SMT. MEENA. M.P.,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
W/O. CHIDANANDA,

WORKING AS LECTURER IN GEOGRAPHY,
GOVT. P U COLLEGE, NANJANAGUD,
NANJANAGUD TALUK,
MYSORE DISTRICT
R/AT. CHIDANANDA,
MATHAPEETHA KANDAL ROAD,
CHIKKMAGALURU -577102.

48. SRI. JAGADEVAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,
S/O. SOMASHEKARAIAH,
WORKING AS ENGLISH LECTURER,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE,
MANTHAL, BASAVAKALYANA TALUK.
BIDAR DISTRICT-585419
R/AT. C.C.I. COLONY, KURKUNTA,
SEDAM TALUK,
KALABURGI DISTRICT-585222.

49. SRI DANDAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
S/O. EKAPPA PARANGI,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN KANNADA,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, BALUTAGI,
YELABURGA TALUK, KOPPAL DISTRICT
R/AT. TUMMARAGUDDI,
YELABURGA TALUK,
KOPPAL DISTRICT – 483236.

50. SRI. RAJENDRA S/O. NARASING RAO,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN ENGLISH,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, HALLIKHED K,
HUMNABAD TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT
R/AT GHAT BORAL, HUMNABAD TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT-585330.

51. SRI. SHRINATH S/O. AMRUT MUTHAGOUDA,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN HISTORY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, BASAVAKALYAN
BIDAR DISTRICT-585419
R/AT GAROOR B,
BIDAR DISTRICT-585327.

52. SRI. GANAPATHI S/O. GUNDAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN
POLITICAL SCIENCE,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE, MANTHAL,
BASAVAKALYAN TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT – 585327
R/AT CHIKANAGAON,
BASAVAKALYAN TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT – 585327.

53. DR. MARUTI BENDRE S/O. DEVAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
WORKING AS LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY,
GOVT. P.U. COLLEGE (MPHS)
KALABURGI
R/AT PLOT NO.165, MAYUR NILAYA,
MSK MILL RESIDENTIAL, GDA LAYOUT,
OPP CIB COLONY, KALABURGI-585102.

…PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. V R SARATHY, ADV.)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL
EDUCATION AND LITERACY
(PRE-UNIVERSITY EDUCATION)
M. S. BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
(PRE-UNIVERSITY) MALLESHWARAM,
18TH CROSS, BENGALURU-560 003.

3. THE KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY
REP. BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
18TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM
BENGALURU - 560 003.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. VIKAS ROJIPURA, AGA FOR R1 & 2
SRI N.K. RAMESH, ADV. FOR R3)

CNR: KAHC010703482026

THIS PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO A) ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE, ORDER OR DIRECTION IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI QUASHING THE IMPUGNED ORDER PASSED YB THE KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL IN A.NOS. 4467-4519/2026 DATED 01/10/2026 (ANNEXURE-A) REJECTING THE INTERIM ORDER AND CONSEQUENTLY GRANT THE INTERIM ORDER AS SOUGHT THE PETITIONERS/APPLICANTS IN THE SAID PENDING APPLICATION AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT
AND
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT)

1. The petitioners who are working as lecturers in Government Pre-University College are before this Court questioning the interim order dated 01.10.2026 in Application Nos.4467 to 4519 of 2026 passed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal, Bengaluru, rejecting the prayer of the petitioners to stay ten years experience prescribed for the post of 'Principal' under in-service direct recruitment under Notification dated 03.09.2026 (Annexure-A10) and to permit them to

participate in the recruitment process for the post of 'Principal' without insisting for ten years of experience.

2. Heard learned counsel Sri.V.R.Sarathy, appearing for the petitioners and the learned AGA, Sri.Vikas Rojipura appearing for the respondents.

3. Perused the entire writ petition papers.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, Sri.V.R.Sarathy would submit that the petitioners are before the Tribunal questioning the portion of the Cadre and Recruitment Rules (for short, 'C & R Rules') notified under the Notification dated 06.06.2024 (Annexure-A9) whereunder experience of ten years is prescribed for direct recruitment of in-service candidates for the post of 'Principal'. It is submitted that earlier, prior to the amendment, the experience prescribed was five years and without there being any reason or basis, the same is enhanced to ten years. Learned counsel would further

submit that enhancement of experience for applying for the post of 'Principal' for in-service candidates for direct recruitment is made only to prevent the petitioners who have five years of experience but less than ten years. Learned counsel would submit that the petitioners be permitted to participate in the selection process as some of the petitioners would be age barred and they would not get an opportunity in future for applying for the post of Principal as in-service candidates.

5. Learned AGA, on the other hand would submit that the last date for applying to the post of 'Principal' under in-service quota was 30.10.2026. He would further submit that prescription of educational qualification is within the domain of the State depending on the requirement to a post. Thus, he would submit that the appointing authority thought it fit to increase the experience qualification from five to ten years, which cannot be questioned. Further, he would submit that the

recruitment process initiated under notification dated 03.09.2026 (Annexure-A10) is in accordance with the 'C & R' Rules published under Notification dated 06.06.2024 (Annexure-A9). As the recruitment process is in terms of the 'C & R' Rules, he would pray for dismissal of the Writ Petition.

6. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the entire Writ Petition Papers including the interim order passed by the Tribunal, we are not inclined to interfere with the interim order passed by the Tribunal. Admittedly, the recruitment process initiated under Notification dated 03.09.2026 (Annexure-A10) is in accordance with the prevailing 'C & R' Rules published under Notification dated 06.06.2024 (Annexure-A9). The petitioners have challenged the portion of the recruitment rules whereunder the qualification of experience of five years is enhanced to ten years. The same is to be justified

by the Respondent/State and until and unless the Rule is declared otherwise, it is to be presumed to be good law.

7. In the above circumstances, we do not find any merit in the writ petition and accordingly, the writ petition stands ***rejected.***

Sd/-
(S.G.PANDIT)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(DR.CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA)
JUDGE

DH
CT:bms
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