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NC: 2026:KHC:60386
WP No. 33044 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010719282026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 33044 OF 2026 (L-RES)

BETWEEN:

ZAHUR MULLA
S/O MOHAMMED HAJI
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS
RETIRED AS LEO(C), FLAT NO.B-502
SILVER DOMICILE APT COMPLEX, P & T LAYOUT
OFF RACHENAHALLI MAIN ROAD
BEHIND MANYATA TECH PARK
GATE NO.5 SRK NAGAR POST
BENGALURU-560 022.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MANJUNATHA SHETTY N., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. UNION OF INDIA
   REP. BY ITS SECRETARY
   MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
   GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
   SHRAMEV JAYATE BHAWAN
   G-4, SECTOR-10, DWARKA
   NEW DELHI-110 075.

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2. THE CHIEF LABOUR COMMISSIONER (CENTRAL),
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHRAMEV JAYATE BHAWAN, G-4
SECTOR-10, DWARKA
NEW DELHI-110 075.

3. THE DY.CHIEF LABOUR COMMISSIONER (CENTRAL),
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
GOVT OF INDIA, SHRAM SADAN
3RD MAIN, 3RD CROSS, YESHWANTHPUR
2ND PHASE, GORGUNTEPALYA
TUMKUR ROAD, BENGALURU-560 022.

4. THE SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
GOVT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF
PERSONNEL AND TRAINING (DOPT)
KARTAVYA BHAWAN-3, NORTH BLOCK
NEW DELHI-110 001.

5. THE CHAIRMAN,
UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DHOLPUR HOUSE, SHAHJAHAN ROAD
NEW DELHI-110 069.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. JAYAKARA SHETTY H., CGSC FOR R1)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE NOTICE BEARING NO. ADM.I/4(01)/2017-CLC DATED 01.10.2026, ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO. 2, TO HOLD LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2018 FOR FILLING UP 14 VACANCIES OF LABOUR ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CENTRAL) UNDER THE LDCE QUOTA (GENERAL CENTRAL SERVICE, GROUP B GAZETTED, NON-MINISTERIAL) IN THE CHIEF LABOUR COMMISSIONER (CENTRAL) ORGANIZATION (ANNEXURE-N) AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

At the outset, learned CGSC appearing for the first respondent raised a preliminary objection regarding maintainability of the writ petition on the ground that the post which the petitioner seeking relief is a civil post and therefore, he has to approach the Central Administrative Tribunal.

2. The grievance in respect of the 'service matters' cannot be a subject matter of adjudication at the hands of a writ Court, as the court of first instance, in the light of the decision of the Apex Court in the case of **L.CHANDRA KUMAR vs. UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS** reported in **(1997) 3 SCC 261.**

3. In view of the above, the writ petition is *disposed of*, with liberty reserved to the petitioner to approach the appropriate legal forum, if law permits.

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4. Registry is directed to return the original or certified copies of the documents, if any, to the petitioner, after retaining the photocopies of the same for record purpose.

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(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE

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LIST NO.: 1 SL NO.: 66