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NC: 2026:KHC:64881
WP No. 33680 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010740082026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

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

WRIT PETITION NO.33680 OF 2026 (S-KSRTC)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. PRAKASH C.R.
   S/O LATE RAMEGOWDA
   AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
   WORKING AS ASSISTANT TRAFFIC
   SUPERINTENDENT, KARNATAKA STATE ROAD
   TRANSPORT CORPORATION, HUNSUR DEPOT
   MYSURU RURAL DIVISION, MYSURU DISTRICT.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. S.B. MUKKANNAPPA, ADV.,)

AND:

1. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
   KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT
   CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICES
   K.H. ROAD, SHANTINAGAR
   BENGALURU 560 027.

2. THE CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER
   AND APPELLATE AUTHORITY
   KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT
   CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICES
   K.H. ROAD, SHANTINAGAR
   BENGALURU 560 027.

3. THE DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER
   KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT

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CORPORATION, MYSURU RURAL DIVISION
MYSURU.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B.L. SANJEEV, ADV.,)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASHING THE IMPUGNED SUSPENSION ORDER BEARING NO. KST/MRD/DST/4477/26/2918/2026-27 DATED. 15.10.2026 PASSED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT AT ANNEXURE - G, UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE. ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO REINSTATE THE PETITIONER INTO SERVICE AS ASSISTANT TRAFFIC SUPERINTENDENT, UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE & ETC.

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

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

ORAL ORDER

1. Even though the petitioner has sought quashing of the order dated 15.10.2026 passed by respondent No.3 vide Annexure-G, he does not wish to press the said prayer and restricts the relief sought in the writ petition to seeking a writ of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to consider and dispose of the statutory appeal pending before it as per Annexure-H, in accordance with law.

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2. Brief facts of the case are that the petitioner was appointed as a Traffic Inspector in the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (hereinafter referred to as 'Corporation' for short) on 10.03.2014 and was subsequently promoted as Assistant Traffic Superintendent on 24.04.2021. While discharging his duties at Hunsur Depot, Mysuru Rural Division, certain differences arose between the petitioner and one Sri. Manjayya L.S., Driver-cum-Conductor, in connection with attendance, reporting for duty and allocation of duty schedules. It is alleged that, pursuant to the said differences, the wife of the employee lodged a complaint alleging that the petitioner had abused and assaulted her husband. Based on the said complaint, Hunsur Town Police registered Crime No.305/2026 on 14.10.2026. Thereafter, respondent No.3 passed the order dated 15.10.2026 placing the petitioner under suspension pending inquiry. Aggrieved by the said order, the petitioner preferred a statutory appeal under Regulation 30 of the KSRTC Servants (Conduct and Discipline)

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Regulations, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as 'Regulations, 1971' for short), before respondent No.2 on 27.10.2026, which is pending for consideration. Being aggrieved by the non-disposal of the statutory appeal, the petitioner has approached this Court. However, the petitioner has restricted his prayer to seeking a writ of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to consider and dispose of the pending statutory appeal in accordance with law.

3. Sri B.L.Sanjeev, learned counsel appearing for the respondents-Corporation, submitted that if reasonable time is granted by this Court, the appeal filed by the petitioner would be considered and disposed of in accordance with law.

4. In view of the above submission and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the writ petition is ***disposed of,*** directing respondent No.2 to consider and dispose of the statutory appeal filed by the petitioner under Regulation 30 of the Regulations, 1971,

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within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE

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