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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

WRIT PETITION NO. 37607 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI RAGHAVA GOWDA .K
S/O AMU GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS
R/AT KEREMOLE HOUSE
KEDAMBADY VILLAGE AND POST
PUTTU TALUK, D.K-574210.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAJARAMA .S, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE COMMISSIONER
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND
CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT TRUST
CHAMRAJPETE, BENGALURU-560018.

2. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
OFFICE AT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
OFFICE BUILDING
STATE BANK ROAD
MANGALORE, D.K-575008.

3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND
CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT TRUST
CHAMRAJPETE
BENGALURU-560018.

4. THE TAHASILDAR

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

PUTTUR TALUK
DAKSHINA KANNADA-574201.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. VIKAS ROJIPURA, AGA FOR R1 TO R4)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO SEEKING DIRECTION FROM THIS HON'BLE COURT TO DIRECT THE 4TH RESPONDENT TO PAY THE REMAINING AGREED GRANT AMOUNT OF RS.2.50 LAKHS AS PER THE REPRESENTATION DATED 6.03.2023 VIDE ANNEXURE-A IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ISSUE.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

ORAL ORDER

Petitioner is seeking a mandamus against respondent No. 4 to disburse the remaining agreed grant amount of Rs. 2,50,000/- by considering petitioner's representation dated 6.3.2023 as per Annexure-"A".

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned AGA. Perused the records.

3. The petitioner, who claims to be the Secretary of Rama Mandira, has approached this Court asserting that respondent No.1, under a sanction order dated 12.09.2022, has granted a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- for the purpose of renovation and repair of the said temple. It is the specific case of the petitioner that while according such sanction, certain conditions were stipulated by the competent authority. The petitioner would further contend that the jurisdictional Assistant Executive Engineer has issued a communication certifying that the entire sanctioned amount of Rs.5,00,000/- has been duly utilised towards the renovation and repair works of the temple. Notwithstanding the same, the grievance of the petitioner is that despite submission of representation(s) and repeated reminders, respondent No.4 has failed to release the balance amount of Rs.2,50,000/- allegedly due towards the said renovation works, thereby compelling the petitioner to invoke the writ jurisdiction of this Court.

4. Learned Additional Government Advocate, on instructions, submits that the representation submitted by the petitioner would be duly considered by the competent authority and appropriate orders would be passed in accordance with law, within a reasonable time frame.

5. Recording the aforesaid submission and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim, this Court deems it appropriate to pass the following order:

ORDER

(i) The writ petition stands allowed in part.

(ii) Respondent No.4 is directed to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation(s), in accordance with law, by taking into consideration the material placed on record, if not already considered.

(iii) The aforesaid exercise shall be completed within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(iv) It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's claim and all contentions are left open.

Sd/-
(SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM)
JUDGE

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