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IN THE COURT OF PRL. CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C.,
AT: BAILHONGAL

:Present:

Smt. Rohini D. Basapur .,
LL.M.

Prl. Civil Judge & JMFC, Bailhongal.

DATED THIS THE 17th DAY OF JUNE 2026

O.S.NO.105/2025

1. Shri. Prashant S/o Hanamantappa Madar
Age: 32 years, Occ: Agriculture
R/o: Harijan keri, Wakkund
Tq: Bailhongal, Dist: Belagavi

...Plaintiff.

(By Shri.SFT, Advocate)

V/s.

1. The State of Karnataka
Represented by
The District Commissioner of Belagavi
Tq & Dist: Belagavi
2. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction
Belagavi, Tq & Dist: Belagavi
3. The Block Education Officer
Bailhongal, Tq: Bailhongal & Dist: Belagavi

4. The Head Master,
Government Primary School,
Janata Colony, Wakkund, Tq: Bailhongal
Dist: Belagavi
5. The Head Master
Government High School, Wakkund
Tq: Bailhongal, Dist: Belagavi
6. The Head Master
Bharataratna Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar High School
Murgod, Tq: Savadatti, Dist: Belagavi
7. The Secretary
Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board,
Bangaluru
8. The Principle
Shri. Kanakadas I.T.C Bailhongal, Wakkund
Tq: Bailhongal, Dist: Belagavi
9. The Secretary
State Counsel for Vocational Training in Karnataka
Bangaluru

....Defendants

(D-1 to 5 & 7 AGP)

(D-6 & 8 Exparte)

1.	Date of institution of the suit	22.03.2025
2.	Nature of the suit	Declaration
3	Date of commencement of evidence	27.04.2026
4.	Date of judgment	17.06.2026

5.	Total Duration	Year/s 01	Month/s 02	Day/s 26
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**Prl. Civil Judge & JMFC,
Bailhongal.**

JUDGMENT

The present suit is filed by the plaintiff seeking the relief of declaration that the correct name of his father is “Hanamantappa” and his surname is “Madar” and that the said particulars have been wrongly entered in the educational records maintained by the defendants. The plaintiff has further sought the consequential relief of mandatory injunction directing the defendants to rectify the said entries in their respective records.

2. Brief facts of the case as per plaint:

The plaintiff was born on 31-07-1993. The parents of the plaintiff admitted him to Defendant No.4 school. At the time of admission, the parents of the plaintiff furnished the correct information regarding his name and other particulars. The plaintiff studied from 1st standard to 7th standard in the said school.

3. Thereafter, the parents of the plaintiff admitted him to Defendant No.5 school, wherein also the correct details were furnished. The plaintiff studied 8th and 9th standard in the said school. Subsequently, the plaintiff was admitted to Defendant No.6 school for 10th standard. The plaintiff completed his SSLC examination conducted by Defendant No.7 in the month of March 2009.

4. Thereafter, the plaintiff joined Defendant No.8 college and completed his Diploma course. The examination was conducted by Defendant No.9 in the month of July 2011. It is the further case of the plaintiff that when he applied for passport and obtained his educational records, he came to know that his father's name was wrongly mentioned as "Hanamant" instead of "Hanamantappa" and his surname was wrongly mentioned as "Dodamani" instead of "Madar" in the records maintained by Defendant Nos.5 to 9.

5. According to the plaintiff, the correct name of his father is "Hanamantappa" and his surname is "Madar". The same is reflected in other documents such as Aadhaar card and ration card. The plaintiff contends that continuation of wrong

entries in his educational records would affect his identity, status and future benefits. Hence, he approached the defendants requesting them to correct the said entries. However, the defendants refused to make such corrections without obtaining a decree from the competent Court. Therefore, the plaintiff has filed the present suit seeking declaration and mandatory injunction.

6. After service of summons, Defendant Nos.1 to 5 and 7 appeared through learned Assistant Government Pleader and filed written statement. Defendant Nos.6 and 8 remained absent and were placed *exparte*.

7. The defendants, in their written statement, denied the averments made by the plaintiff. It is contended that the claim made by the plaintiff is false and the plaintiff has approached the Court with an intention to obtain wrongful benefit. It is further contended that at the time of admission, the parents of the plaintiff themselves furnished the details and accordingly the name of the plaintiff's father was entered as "Hanamant" and surname as "Dodamani". The defendants have denied that

there was any mistake on their part while entering the particulars in the school records.

8. The defendants further contended that the plaintiff has not produced any document to establish that the correct name of his father is “Hanamantappa” and surname is “Madar”. Hence, they prayed for dismissal of the suit.

9. From the pleadings, the following points arise for consideration:

1. Whether the plaintiff proves that his father’s correct name is “Hanamantappa” and his surname is “Madar”, but his father’s name and surname is wrongly entered in the educational records?
2. Whether the plaintiff is entitled to the reliefs sought?
3. What order or decree ?

10. In order to prove his case, the plaintiff examined himself as PW-1 and got marked documents at Ex.P-1 to Ex.P-8. The defendants, though contested the matter, have not entered the witness box and have not produced any oral or documentary evidence in support of their defence.

11. This court answers the above specified issues as under:

Issue No.1: In the Affirmative.

Issue No.2: In the Affirmative.

Issue No.3: As per final order, for the following:

REASONS

12. Issue No.1: The plaintiff has examined himself as PW-1 and has reiterated the averments made in the plaint. He has specifically deposed that his father's correct name is "Hanamantappa" and his surname is "Madar", but due to incorrect entries in the educational records, the name of his father has been shown as "Hanamant" and surname as "Dodamani".

13. The evidence of PW-1 has remained unshaken. Though the defendants have denied the claim of the plaintiff in their written statement, they have not adduced any evidence to substantiate their defence. The defendants have also not produced any admission records, registers or other documents to establish that the particulars furnished by the parents of the plaintiff were in fact "Hanamant" and "Dodamani". The burden

is initially upon the plaintiff to prove his case. In order to discharge the said burden, the plaintiff has produced documentary evidence.

14. Ex.P-1 to Ex.P-3 are the school records of the plaintiff. On perusal of the said documents, it appears that the name of the plaintiff's father is mentioned as "Hanamantappa" and surname is shown as "Dodamani". Ex.P-4 is the SSLC marks card of the plaintiff, wherein the name of the plaintiff's father is mentioned as "Hanamant" and surname is mentioned as "Dodamani". Ex.P-5 is the Diploma/ITI marks card, wherein also the father's name is shown as "Hanamant" and surname as "Dodamani".

15. On the other hand, Ex.P-6, the driving licence of the plaintiff, shows the name of the plaintiff's father as "Hanamantappa" and surname as "Madar". Ex.P-7, the Aadhaar card of the plaintiff, also shows the father's name as "Hanamantappa" and surname as "Madar". Ex.P-8 is the ration card, which also supports the contention of the plaintiff regarding the correct name and surname.

16. The documentary evidence produced by the plaintiff clearly establishes that in his other official records, the name of his father is consistently shown as “Hanamantappa” and surname as “Madar”. The discrepancy found in the educational records appears to be due to an erroneous entry and not due to any false claim made by the plaintiff.

17. Though the defendants have alleged that the plaintiff's claim is false, no evidence has been placed before the Court to disprove the documents produced by the plaintiff. Mere denial in the written statement cannot take the place of proof. When the plaintiff has produced documentary evidence supporting his claim and the same has remained unchallenged, the Court has no reason to disbelieve the same.

18. Therefore, this Court is of the opinion that the plaintiff has successfully proved that the correct name of his father is “Hanamantappa” and surname is “Madar” and that the same have been wrongly entered in some of his educational records. Accordingly, issue No.1 is answered in the Affirmative.

19. Issue No.2: The plaintiff has sought declaration and consequential mandatory injunction directing the defendants to rectify the wrong entries in their records.

As discussed above, the plaintiff has established his identity and the correct particulars regarding his father's name and surname through reliable documentary evidence. The wrong entries in educational records may create difficulties to the plaintiff in his future educational, employment and official purposes. Therefore, the plaintiff is entitled for correction of the said entries.

20. The relief sought by the plaintiff is only for rectification of incorrect particulars and does not cause any prejudice to the defendants. The defendants have also not placed any material to show that granting such relief would adversely affect any right or interest of any person. Hence, the plaintiff is entitled for the relief of declaration and mandatory injunction as prayed. Accordingly, issue No.2 is answered in the Affirmative.

21. Issue No.3: In view of the findings recorded on issue Nos.1 and 2, this Court proceeds to pass the following:

ORDER

The suit of the plaintiff is hereby decreed.

It is hereby declared that the correct name of the father of the plaintiff is “Hanamantappa” and his surname is “Madar”.

The entries in the educational records maintained by Defendant Nos.5 to 9 showing the father’s name of the plaintiff as “Hanamant” instead of “Hanamantappa” and surname as “Dodamani” instead of “Madar” are declared as incorrect.

Defendant Nos.5 to 9 are hereby directed by way of mandatory injunction to rectify the said entries in their respective records pertaining to the plaintiff by entering the father’s name as “Hanamantappa” and surname as “Madar”.

The defendants shall carry out necessary corrections in accordance with law on production of certified copy of this judgment and decree.

No order as to costs.

Draw decree accordingly.

(Dictated to stenographer directly on computer, then pronounced in the open court on this the 17th day of June 2026)

(Smt. Rohini D Basapur)
Prl.Civil Judge & J.M.F.C,
Bailhongal.

ANNEXURE**List of witnesses on behalf of the plaintiff:**

P.W.1 : Shri. Prashant Hanamantappa Madar

List of exhibits marked on behalf of the Plaintiff:

Ex.P.1 to 3 : School Certificate

Ex.P.4 : SSLC Marks card

Ex.P.5 : ITI Marks card

Ex.P.6: Driving license

Ex.P. 7: Aadhar card

Ex.P. 8: Ration card

List of witnesses on behalf of the Defendant:

Nil

List of exhibits marked on behalf of the Defendant

Nil

Sd/-

**Prl. Civil Judge & J.M.F.C,
Bailhongal**

(Judgment pronounced in the open court vide separate order)

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