

WP NO. 40/2026 (GM - TEN)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
[SRI ANANTHA PADMANABHA KINI AND OTHERS VS. THE
STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS]

06.01.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

As this petition and the petitions in the writ petitions in WP Nos.41/2026 and 42/2026 relate to the same tender, these three petitions are tagged.

Sri Vigneshwar S Shastri, the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner in the writ petition in WP No. 41/2026, Sri K V Vinoda Kumar Naidu, the learned counsel for the petitioners in the writ petition in W.P.No.40/2026 and 42/2026 as also Sri Murugesh V Charati, the learned counsel who has entered caveat for some of the respondents and Sri B Ravindranath, the learned Additional Government Advocate who accepts notice for the respondents-authorities, are heard.

As it is undisputed that another petition has been filed with this Court in the writ petition in WP No. 39669/2025 as against the finalisation of the tender called in question in

these petitions, the writ petition in WP No.39669/2025 is also directed to be tagged.

Sri Vigneshwar S Shastri submits that the impugned tenders are for four divisions including the Dharwad division and because the dispute as regards the Dharwad division will have to be presented before the Dharwad Bench of this Court, the petitioner may be permitted to confine this petition to the grievance related to the three Divisions excluding the Dharwad Division.

This submission is taken on record, and the petition in W.P. No.41/2026 is confined accordingly without prejudice to the petitioner otherwise to prosecute the grievance insofar as the tender relating to Dharwad Division in another petition.

The office objections on failure to cause service of copies on the learned counsels stand overruled as it is now acknowledged that the copies of this writ petition are served on the chambers of Sri Murugesh V Charati, and the other office objections being technical, stand overruled.

The submissions by Sri Murugesh V Charati that there would be no precipitation because there is an interim order

by this Court in the writ petition in W.P. No.39669/2025 insofar as the Shivamogga and Chikkamagaluru Division are concerned is taken on record to be in force till the next date of hearing but without prejudice to the respondents to argue on merits for disposal of the petitions.

The office is called upon to ensure that these writ petitions papers are scanned by the next date of hearing and all the four petitions that are tagged today are called on **13.01.2026.**

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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