

**WP NO. 40/2026 (GM - TEN) Connected Cases: WP NO.
39669/2025, WP NO. 41/2026, WP NO. 42/2026, WP NO.
748/2026**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SRI ANANTHA PADMANABHA KINI AND OTHERS VS. THE
STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS]

28.01.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Sri Ashok Haranahalli and Sri Vigneshwar S Shastri, the learned Senior Counsels for some of the petitioners, and Sri R.Subramanya and Sri Prasanna D P, the learned counsel on record for the other petitioners, have made their submissions in their respective petitions.

If Sri Ashok Haranahalli and Sri R.Subramanya submit that the authorities could not have displaced qualification to possess minimum three years experience, Sri Vigneshwar S Shastri submits that:

[a] the stipulation of even one year experience would restrict the field of play to a few chosen tenderers with Sri D.P. Prasanna arguing based on the orders of this Court in W.P. No. 36337/2025

[b] though the petitioner has two years past experience,
his bid should be considered.

If this is the first leg of the submissions, the other leg is the alleged non-compliance with the requirement of Section 14 of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act, 1999, and it is argued that it is incumbent upon the Tender Accepting Authority to reason the decision to cancel earlier tenders, communicate the decision and the reason for such decision to each of the tenderers and publish the decision to cancel the tender on the portal and there is non-compliance on each of these scores. In fact, Sri R. Subramanya submits that if in the writ petition in W.P.No.40/2026 there is communication by the Executive Director, Shivamogga, to say that the decision to cancel the tenders is because of a communication by the Managing Director, there is no such document in the case of the tender cancellation and re-issuance of tender for the Bengaluru District.

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In the light of the afore, Sri Murugesh V Charati, the learned counsel for the answering respondent, the Karnataka State Forest Development Corporation Limited, is reserved with liberty to place on record the details of the Tender Inviting Authority, the Tender Accepting Authority and the other Prescribing Authorities under the Rules, the details of such decisions being either uploaded on the portal or communicated to the petitioners.

The office is directed to tag these petitions with W.P. No. 38498/2025 and re-list these petitions on 30.01.2026 at 2.30 pm.

The interim arrangement that is being so far is continued to be in force until the next date of hearing.

The office is also directed to place a copy of this order in all the petitions.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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