



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND

WRIT PETITION NO.147 OF 2026 (S-KSAT)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. B.G.HARISH S/O B.H.GOVINDE GOWDA,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER-GRADE II,
GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL,
GERASANAHALLY-571 103,
HUNSUR TALUK, MYSORE DISTRICT,
NOW WORKING AS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER-
GRADE II, AT YELAWALA, MYSORE TALUK,
MYSORE DISTRICT-571130
R/AT NO.336, 3RD CROSS, 5TH MAIN, VIJAYANAGAR,
1ST STAGE, MYSORE-570 017.
2. SRI. H.B.ANNE GOWDA S/O LATE BYRE GOWDA,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER-GRADE II,
GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL,
HOOTAGALLY-570 018,
MYSORE TALUK, MYSORE DISTRICT,
RESIDING AT NO.2601, 'A' CROSS,
18TH MAIN, VIJAYANAGAR, 2ND CROSS,
MYSORE-570 017.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SHRIDHAR NARAYAN HEGDE, ADVOCATE)





AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND
LITERACY, M.S. BUILDING,
BENGALURU-560001.
2. THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
INSTRUCTION IN KARNATAKA,
NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,
K.R. CIRCLE, NRUPATHUNGA ROAD,
BENGALURU-560001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. VIKAS ROJIPURA, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO CALL FOR THE RECORDS IN APPLICATION No.3999-4000/2021 ON THE FILE OF THE HON'BLE KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU AND ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT OF ORDER OR DIRECTION TO QUASH THE ORDER PASSED BY THE HON'BLE KSAT, BENGALURU DATED 21.01.2022 IN APPLICATION No. 3999-4000/2021 VIDE ANNEXURE-B AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND



ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT)

Heard Sri. Shridhar.N.Hegde, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri. Vikas Rojipura, learned Additional Government Advocate for the respondents.

2. The petitioners are before this Court questioning the order dated 21.01.2022 in Application Nos.3999 & 4000/2021 passed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KSAT), Bengaluru, whereunder the petitioners' request for writ of mandamus to direct respondent No.2 to consider their representations dated 08.04.2021 (Annexures-A9 and A10) seeking promotion to the post of Head Master is rejected.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the juniors of the petitioners are promoted earlier, whereas the petitioners' case is not considered for promotion to the post of Head Master. He submits that the petitioners joined service in the year 1998, whereas



their juniors who joined service in the year 1999 to 2004, have been promoted to the next higher post of Head Master. Therefore, the petitioners have submitted representations at Annexures-A9 and A10, which the respondents failed to consider. As the respondents failed to consider the representations of the petitioners, the petitioners were before the Tribunal in the above stated applications and the Tribunal under impugned order rejected the prayer of the petitioners. Learned counsel would further submit that the Tribunal failed to look into the fact that the petitioners had joined the service prior to some of the juniors who have been promoted to the next higher cadre i.e., to the post of Head Master.

4. Per contra, learned Additional Government Advocate Sri. Vikas Rojipura would submit that unless the petitioners get their seniority corrected in the manner known to law, the petitioners would not be entitled for promotion. It is submitted that no juniors of petitioners were promoted in terms of the seniority list. However, the



promoted persons are seniors to the petitioners in the State Level Seniority List of Teachers. Thus, he supports the order passed by the Tribunal.

5. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the entire writ petition papers, we are not inclined to interfere with the impugned order passed by the Tribunal.

6. It is seen that while preparing the division-wise seniority list in terms of Annexure-A3, seniority list as on 01.01.2019, the petitioners are pushed down and juniors of the petitioners are said to have been placed above the petitioners. Admittedly, the petitioners have not challenged the seniority list, which is published on 01.01.2019. The promotion accorded to the next higher cadre of Head Master is based on the said seniority list. When the seniority list is operating, unless the petitioners get corrected the said seniority list by challenging the same before the appropriate Forum, the petitioners cannot



complain that their juniors are promoted to the next higher cadre.

We do not find any merit in the writ petition and accordingly, writ petition stands ***rejected***.

**Sd/-
(S.G.PANDIT)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(K. V. ARAVIND)
JUDGE**