

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SHRI KALLATHIGIRI VEERABHADRASWAMY
COMMITTEE LINGADAHALLI VS. THE TAHSILDAR AND
OTHERS]

31.01.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Mr. B. N. Jayadeva, the learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr. Ramachandra H, the learned counsel for the second and fifth respondents, are heard.

The dispute relates to the petitioner's insistence on the continuance of a structure put up to house the *Temple's* chariot and the private respondent insistence for its relocation asserting that the structure, as it exists today, blocks access to her residence. Mr. B. N. Jayadeva submits that because this structure has been in existence prior to 2009, it should be treated as *a protected structure* even if the abutting road is declared as a National Highway.

When queried on the possibilities of relocating the structure to an alternative place to avoid precipitation with Mr. Ramachandra H stating that there is space within the *Temple* precinct for a new structure to be put in place, Mr. B. N. Jayadeva submits that this Court may call for a report from the jurisdictional Tahsildar but without prejudice to the petitioner's rights as canvassed.

These circumstances are considered. This Court is of the view that, even before there could be any adjudication, the possibility of shifting the structure must be explored. As such, an inspection by the jurisdictional Tahsildar and a report to this Court on such feasibility would pave the way for a possible relocation without precipitation.

Hence, the jurisdictional Tahsildar [*the first respondent*] is called upon to visit the *Temple* precinct and the surroundings and place on record a report about the feasibility of constructing a new structure to house the chariot. This report shall be placed on

record by the next date of hearing and the office is directed to re-list this petition on **24.02.2026**.

The office is also directed to furnish a copy of the certified copy of this order to the chambers of Mr. Aditya Diwakara, the learned Additional Government Advocate, for due compliance.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE