

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SMT HALLAMMA VS. MANJULAMMA AND OTHERS]

19.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Ms. P. V. Kalpana, the learned counsel for the petitioner, is heard on the petitioner's grievance with the fourth respondent's Communication dated 05.01.2026 addressed to the sixth respondent.

The dispute relates to the petitioner's claim to the land in Sy.No.8/1 of Pinnekyathanahalli Village, Gavadagere Hobli, Hunsur Taluk and the first to third respondents assert access to this land. The petitioner has instituted the suit in O.S.No.31/2025 on the file of the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC, Hunsur, Mysuru, and she has been granted an interim order restraining the private respondents from interfering with her possession. The private respondents have filed a complaint with the office of the Karnataka Lokayukta and when sought for action, the sixth respondent [*the jurisdictional Tahsildar*] has informed the

office of the Upalokayuktha that there is an injunction order and action will be taken once such order is vacated. The fourth respondent, who is from the Office of the Lokayukta, notwithstanding this Communication, has called for the removal of the alleged obstruction to a purported road in the land claimed by the petitioner observing that the jurisdictional Tahsildar is not a party to the suit.

This Court, as canvassed by Ms. P. V. Kalpana, finds this rather surprising and opines that this Court will have to examine whether this stand will militate against the rule of law. As such, the interim order is granted directing the respondents not to be precipitous under the impugned Communication without the leave of this Court.

Deferring notice to the private respondents, Mr. B. Ravidranath, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the fifth and sixth respondents. Mr. Venkatesh S. Arabatti, a learned Standing counsel for the fourth respondent, is called upon to accept notice for this respondent.

Ms. P. V. Kalpana shall ensure copies of the petition/annexures are served on the chambers of Mr. Venkatesh S. Arabatti forthwith.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **25.02.2026** in the *Orders* Category for the fourth respondent's say in the light of this Court's observation as aforesaid.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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