



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN

WRIT PETITION NO. 4857 OF 2026 (LB-RES)

BETWEEN:

ALL TRADERS FARMERS MERCHANT
WELFARE ASSOCIATION (R),
HAVING OFFICE AT NO.252, FIRST FLOOR,
SRK MARKET, NEW COMPLEX,
BENGALURU - 560 002,
REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAHAMATHULLA KOTHWAL, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY (GBA),
N.R. SQUARE, BENGALURU - 560 002.
2. THE COMMISSIONER,
BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION,
PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR,
M.G. ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001.
3. THE JOINT COMMISSIONER,
BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION,
PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING, 17TH FLOOR,
M.G. ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001.



4. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
CHICKPET SUB-DIVISION, CHICKPET,
BANGALORE - 560 002.
5. THE ASSISTANT REVENUE OFFICER,
(WEST MARKET),
BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION,
PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING, 17TH FLOOR,
M.G. ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B.S. KARTHIKEYAN, ADVOCATE FOR R1 TO R3
AND R5;
SRI. BOPPANNA BELLIAPPA, AGA FOR R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226
AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO
DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT TO CONSIDER THE
REPRESENTATION DATED 07.01.2026, 13.01.2026 AND
23.01.2026 AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION AGAINST THE
BLACK MARKETERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW VIDE
ANNEXURE-A, B, C, D AND E RESPECTIVELY.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING
THOROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING, THIS
DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN



ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is said to be a Welfare Association of farmers and traders who are involved in growing and selling of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Their grievance is that they are some of the members of the association, who have taken lease of some shops in K.R.Market and are involved in the business of selling fruits, vegetables and flowers therein. However, on the upper basement floor of K.R.Market, the authorities concerned have allowed certain persons to operate without any requisite permissions and they are preventing the farmers from selling their produce to the legitimate shop owners and these persons are acting as middlemen between the farmers, shop owners and sometimes customers also. Hence, the petitioner association has made a representations to the authorities concerned. As the same has not been considered, the present writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents to take action against such illegal operators.



2. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent- Greater Bengaluru Authority (for short, 'the GBA') as well as the learned Additional Government Advocate, upon instructions, submit that they have no knowledge regarding the existence of such black marketers. However, they submit that a necessary investigation will be conducted, and if such black market activities are found to exist, appropriate action will be initiated against those involved.

3. Recording the submission of the learned counsel for the respondent-GBA and the learned Additional Government Advocate, the respondents are directed to do the necessary investigation and do the needful in accordance with law.

4. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is hereby ***disposed of.***

Sd/-
(M.I.ARUN)
JUDGE

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