

**WP NO. 5124/2026 (GM - TEN) Connected Cases: WP NO.
15551/2024**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

**[M/S MANTHAN TIMBERS AND VENNERS VS. STATE OF
KARNATAKA AND OTHERS]**

20.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

The office is directed to show the representation of Ms.B.G.Nayanatara for the respondent No.6 in W.P.No.5551/2024, and the learned counsel is also permitted to appear along with Mr.Shanthi Bhushan, the learned Deputy Solicitor General, for this respondent in W.P.No.5124/2026. The office is directed to show the representation accordingly.

This Court must observe that the question for consideration in W.P.No.15551/2024 may not be germane for the decision in W.P.No.5124/2026, and this observation is because, although the petitioner contends that the tender notifications impugned in both the petitions relate to same area, Sri D.R.Prashanth, the learned counsel for the common respondent No.5, is categorical that the tender notification called in question in W.P.No.15551/2024 relates

to "*a forest area*" and the tender notification impugned in W.P.No.5124/2026 relates to "*a non-forest area*". This needs to be elucidated, and this Court opines that for a quick decision, without precipitation as the last date for tender submission is complete, the Director, Mysore Paper Mills Limited, must file an affidavit stating in clear unequivocal terms that the second tender impugned in W.P.No.5124/2026 does not relate to a *forest land*, if that is so.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **25.02.2026.**

**(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE**

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