

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SMT. SHAMALA D C AND ANOTHER VS. MEMBER SECRETARY,
AND ANOTHER]

23.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Mr. K. R. Nagaraja, the learned counsel for the petitioners, is heard on the petitioners' grievance with an order in Lok Adalath which has resulted in a decree being drawn. The order is on a reference to Lok Adalath, and by the Conciliators who are presiding over the Lok Adalath. The learned counsel proposes to contend that this decree is a nullity because after Lok Adalath's order, an award must be drawn as contemplated under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and not a decree. The learned counsel also proposes to argue that even the order would be nullity because the suit is instituted calling in question a gift deed executed in the year 2007 [*after 8 years*].

The records are perused in the light of these submissions, and this Court opines that the first respondent will have to place on record the reasons for culmination of the proceedings as a decree [*in terms of Annexure F*]. When

queried, the learned counsel submits that execution proceeding in Ex.Case No.639/2025 is listed on 25.02.2026.

In the light of the afore, the executing Court is called upon to defer the proceedings in Ex.Case No.639/2025 until the next date of hearing. Mr. K. R. Nagaraja shall ensure copies are served on the learned counsel who is on record for the second respondent in the execution proceedings.

There shall be emergent notice to the first respondent returnable by **27.04.2026**.

In addition, Mr. K. R. Nagaraja shall ensure copies of the petition/annexures are served on the chambers of the Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority

The office is directed to list this petition with the learned Nominated Registrar if further orders are required for completion of service and the petition shall be listed with the Court after service of notice, unless an application is filed.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE