



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 6476 OF 2024 (GM-MM-S)

BETWEEN:

SMT VEENA H A
W/O SRI CHANDU M
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
R/AT VENKATESHWARA NILAYA,
H.K.V. NAGARA, B.M. ROAD,
NEAR T.B. CIRCLE,
MADDUR - 571 428.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SHARATH GOWDA G.B., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERALS
VIDHANA SOUDHA, AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BANGALORE - 560 001
RES BY ITS SECRETARY.
2. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERALS,
KANIJA BHAVAN, SPOORTHY LAYOUT,
BADDIHALLI, RING ROAD,
TUMKURU-571204.
3. THE SENIOR GEOLOGIST
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERALS,
1ST CROSS, VIDYANAGARA,

Digitally
signed by
VEERENDRA
KUMAR K M
Location:
High Court of
Karnataka



MANDYA-571401.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. NILOUFER AKBAR, AGA)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO a)ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER WRIT/s OR DIRECTION OR ORDER QUASHING THE DEMAND NOTICE DATED 28/07/2023 BEARING NO.GABHUE/UNITU/KAGAGU-722/VALEVA/2023-24 PASSED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-A b)PASS SUCH OTHER ORDER/s OR RELIEF/s ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition, *inter alia*, impugning a demand notice dated 28.07.2023 issued by respondent No.2 [The Deputy Director, Department of Mines and Minerals], whereby the petitioner was called upon to pay a total amount of ₹1,25,85,105/- on account of royalty, penalty and interest in respect of Quarry Lease No.772 in the year 2022-23.

2. Petitioner contended that the said demand notice was issued without issuing any show cause notice or without affording the petitioner an opportunity of being heard.



3. The said contention is not disputed by the learned Additional Government Advocate.
4. In view of the above, we consider it apposite to direct that the impugned demand notice be considered as a show cause notice. The petitioner may file written response to the said notice along with all documents which the petitioner seeks to rely on within a period of 2 (two) weeks from date.
5. Respondent No.2 shall consider the same and pass an appropriate order after affording the petitioner an opportunity of being heard.
6. The petition, is disposed of accordingly.
7. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

**Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-
(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE**