

WP NO. 5297/2026 (GM - RES)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[MR VEERENDRAKUMAR PATIL VS. STATE OF KARNATAKA AND
OTHERS]

23.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Mr. K. Diwakara, the learned Senior counsel for the petitioner, is heard on the grant of *ad interim* order.

The petitioner's grievance is with the permission granted by the first respondent *vide* order dated 12.02.2026 [Annexure - A] and the petitioner's request is for stay of the operation of this order. The first respondent has granted permission for prosecution as contemplated under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 [for short, '*the Act of 1988*'].

Mr. K. Diwakara submits that **[a]** the allegation against the petitioner is that he has acted in cohorts with another officer resulting in financial loss because of Returns filed with fictitious GST accounts, **[b]** such fictitious accounts are within Ward No.57 and the petitioner has the supervision of Zone - 4, and **[c]** this Ward No.57 is not within Zone - 4. The learned Senior counsel submits that the first respondent had to examine these circumstances before proceeding to

grant sanction and that the failure shows a lack of application of mind defeating the purpose of ensuring that the Officers are prosecuted only after a permission that is granted under Section 17 of the Act of 1988 after considering all the circumstances.

In consideration of these circumstances and being of the *prima facie* opinion that a case is made out for grant of stay of Annexure - A, the interim order is granted staying the operation of Annexure - A dated 12.02.2026 but with liberty to the respondents to complete their pleadings and seek vacating.

Ms. Saritha Kulkarni, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the respondents.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **26.03.2026.**

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE