



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

WRIT PETITION NO.5340 OF 2026 (L-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI M. LAKSHMINARAYANA,
S/O M. LAKSHMANA,
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
RETIRED SFW (TS),
CENTRAL SILK BOARD,
REGIONAL SERICULTURAL
RESEARCH STATION, ANANTAPUR,
ANDHRA PRADESH-515 001
R/AT C/O MUDALAIAH,
NO.121-A, 10TH 'B' CROSS,
SHANTHI GARDEN,
MUDULPALYA,
BENGALURU-560 072.



...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. V.S. NAIK, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. CENTRAL SILK BOARD,



BTM LAYOUT, MADIWALA,
BANGALORE - 560 068,
REP. BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY,

2. THE SCIENTIST-D AND HEAD,
REGIONAL SERICULTURAL
RESEARCH STATION, CENTRAL SILK BOARD,
POST BOX NO.50,
ANANTAPUR,
ANDHRA PRADESH-515 001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. NARASIMHA SWAMY, ADVOCATE)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASH THE
MEMORANDUM BEARING NO.CSB/RSRS/ATP/PF/MLN, SFW
(TS)/2010-11 DATED 17.01.2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND
RESPONDENT, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS PRODUCED AND
MARKED AS ANNEXURE-B TO THIS WRIT PETITION, ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE



ORAL ORDER

This petition is filed seeking writ of mandamus to quash the Memorandum dated 17.01.2025 issued by respondent No.2 marked at Annexure-'B'. In terms of the memorandum, the petitioner is relieved from his duties with effect from 17.01.2025.

2. The petitioner had filed the petition in the light of the judgment rendered by the Division Bench of this Court in ***Central Silk Board vs Employees Union of Central Silk Board & Another***¹ wherein, in terms of the order dated 04.09.2024, this Court has dismissed the petition filed by first respondent Central Silk Board and confirmed the award passed by the Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court.

3. In terms of the award dated 01.04.2013, the Tribunal has held that age of superannuation of the Timescale Farm Workers of the respondent establishment would be 60 years and not 55 years as contended by the respondent.

¹ W.P. No.18693/2014



4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the order passed by the Division Bench of this Court confirming the award passed by the Tribunal is not questioned by the respondents and it has attained finality.

5. Thus, the learned counsel would submit that the petitioner cannot be superannuated at the age of 58, and the petitioner is entitled to continue as the employee of respondent No.1 till the petitioner completes 60 years.

6. Learned counsel for respondents would submit that though the Board of first respondent has passed a resolution to implement the order, with effect from the date of the order passed in **Central Silk Board** (*supra*), the Board is yet to receive the approval from the Union of India for the decision taken by the Board. It is further submitted that since respondents are awaiting the decision of Union of India, from the perspective of the respondents the award passed by the Central Government Industrial Tribunal has not yet attained finality.



7. This Court has considered the contentions raised at the bar and perused the records.

8. It is not in dispute that the award passed by the Tribunal enhancing the age of retirement to 60 years from 55 years is confirmed by the Division Bench in the case of ***Central Silk Board*** (*supra*). It is further not in dispute that the petitioner is working as Timescale Farm Workers with respondent No.1. The petitioner has completed 58 years after the order passed by the Division Bench of this Court confirming the award passed by the Tribunal.

9. This being the position, the award passed by the Tribunal which is confirmed by the Division Bench of this Court comes to the aid of the petitioner and the petitioner is entitled to the following relief:-

- (i) It is declared that the petitioner's age of superannuation is 60 years.
- (ii) The respondents shall not superannuate the petitioner treating the age of superannuation as 58 years.



(iii) Thus, the petitioner is entitled to continue in employment as Timescale Farm Workers under first respondent till the age of superannuation at 60 subject to all the Rules and Regulations applicable to the employment of the petitioner.

10. The Writ Petition is accordingly ***disposed of*** with the above observations and findings.

Sd/-
(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

VMB
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 11