

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
[R. SRIRAMA GOWDA AND OTHERS VS. UNION OF INDIA
AND OTHERS]

24.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

The petitioners assert that they own property on 5.50 metres wide on *Kottapalli-Masthi Road* [*the Road*], that work order has been issued for widening of this road to 11.05 metres road and that their property is demolished without notice and contrary to the finalised plan. Sri Vivek N, the learned counsel who appears for Sri Rahul S Reddy [*the learned counsel on record for the petitioners*] submits as follows.

[a] According to the reports [*Annexure-G*], the widening must be on either side of the Road with the authorities being entitled to remove obstructions in an area measuring in width 2.25 metres + 1 metre, but the respondents have permitted the third respondent [*the contractor*] to decide on site.

[b] The third respondent has started demolishing structures only on one side of the Road to clear an area of 6.5 metres on one side.

[b] There is no acquisition, but if there is to be any widening beyond 3.5 metres, the authorities could undertake such exercise only after acquiring the land and paying due compensation.

On the damages, the learned counsel relies upon the photograph that reads as under:



On a careful consideration of these submissions, the interim order is granted staying demolishing of any structure beyond 3.25 metres from the centre of the Road

until further orders of this Court but with liberty to the respondents to complete pleadings and seek vacating.

Sri Vivek N is called upon to ensure that copies are served on the chambers of Sri Shanthi Bhushan H, the learned Deputy Solicitor General for the first respondent, who is called upon to accept notice for this respondent.

Smt Saritha Kulkarni, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the second respondent.

There shall be Emergent Notice returnable by **09.04.2026** to the third respondent.

The office shall list this petition before the learned nominated Registrar if further orders are required on issuance of notice and the petition shall be listed before this Court only after service of notice unless an application is filed.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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