



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 6002 OF 2026 (GM-KSR)

BETWEEN:

SMT. SUSHILA NANJAPPA
W/O NANJAPPA
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
NO.3066, G BLOCK,
KANAKADASA NAGAR
RING ROAD,
MYSURU-570001

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SANDESH T.B., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
AND THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR,
DIVISION NO 2, 8TH CROSS, MARGOES ROAD,
SAHAKARA SOUDHA
BENGALURU-560003
2. RAJYA VOKKALIGA SANGHA
NO.148, KRISHNA RAJENDRA ROAD,
VISHWESHVARA PURAM,
BENAGLURU-560004
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
(SOCIETY REGISTERED UNDER KARNATAKA
SOCIETY REGISTRATION ACT-1960)

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. SARITHA KULKARNI., AGA FOR R1;
SRI. G.R. PRAVEEN KUMAR., ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN THE
NATURE OF MANDAMUS, DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO





CONSIDER THE LEGAL NOTICE/ REPRESENTATION VIDE ANNEX-B DATED 06.10.2025, SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER AND PASS APPROPRIATE ORDERS FOR AMENDMENT OF BYE-LAWS OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT SANGA SO AS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESERVATION FOR WOMEN IN THE GOVERNING BODY/ COMMITTEE ELECTIONS AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. The Petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

i. Issue a Writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the legal notice/representation vide Annexure-B dated 06.10.2025, submitted by the petitioner and pass appropriate orders for amendment of bye-laws of the 2nd respondent Sanga so as to provide adequate reservation for women in the governing body/ committee elections.

ii. Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the 2nd respondent Sangha to introduce appropriate reservation for women in the election process of its governing body/board of directors in accordance with the constitutional principles of equality, substantive justice and gender representation.

iii. Gant such other order or direction as this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstance of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.

2. The Petitioner has submitted a representation on 6.10.2025 contending that there has to be



reservation for woman in Respondent No.2-Society registered under the provision of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

3. A Society like Respondent No.2 is not a State under Article 12 of the Constitution and as such there cannot be a mandamus issued in respect of the membership of the Society directing the Society to consider any representation in respect of providing reservation for woman in the governing body/committee elections. There is no vested right to the petitioner to seek for such a relief. The Writ Petition therefore stands ***Dismissed***.

**SD/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE**