

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**  
**[SRI. PRASAD CHATRA VS. RAJYA DHARMIKA PARISHAT]**

27.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

**ORAL ORDER**

The petitioner's grievance is with the impugned Notice dated 05.02.2026 issued by the first respondent. The first respondent has issued this impugned notice under Section 20A[2][iv] of the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Act, 1997 proposing proceedings to resolve a dispute on the appointment of a hereditary *Trustee*.

Sri Rakesh B Bhatt, the learned counsel for the petitioner, while inviting this Court's attention to the earlier proceedings with the first respondent on 13.10.2023, submits that this dispute is resolved by an unanimous decision and notwithstanding the same [*and with no change in circumstances*] the present notice is issued. The learned counsel urges that this violates the principle of finality.

In consideration of these submissions, and finding a *prima facie* case for grant of the interim order, the further

proceedings under the Notice dated 05.02.2026 [*Annexure-E*] is stayed stipulating that there shall be no change in the arrangement in terms of the order dated 13.10.2023 without the leave of this Court. The respondents will be at liberty to complete their pleadings and seek vacating.

Sri Harischandra Movvar, a learned standing counsel for the first respondent, and Sri B Ravindranath, a learned Additional Government Advocate for the second to fourth respondents, are called upon to accept notice for the corresponding respondents.

Sri Rakesh B Bhatt shall ensure that copies are served on the respective chambers of the learned counsels at the earliest.

There shall be Emergent Notice returnable by 17.04.2026 to the fifth 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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