

WP NO. 6343/2026 (GM - FOR)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

**[SRI PRASANNA KUMAR VS. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
AND OTHERS]**

26.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Sri Sammith S, the learned counsel for the petitioner, is heard on the petitioner's grievance with the impugned order under Section 64A of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963.

Sri Sammith S submits that neither the first authority nor the appellate authority could have held against the petitioner because the grant in favour of the petitioner's predecessor-in-interest is in the year 1932 and in all these years the petitioner and his predecessor-in-interest have been in continuous possession of the subject property. Crucially, it is brought on record that the State Government has constituted a *District Level Task Force/SIT* to look into the claims of grant in *forest lands*, and when queried in this regard, Sri Sammith S submits that the petitioner's claim is yet to be considered by such Task Force.

These circumstances are considered, and the interim order is granted restraining the respondents from taking precipitous action but stipulating that the petitioner shall not carry out any improvement or change the nature of the land or create any third-party interest without the leave of this Court.

Sri B Ravindranath, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the respondents.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **21.04.2026.**

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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