

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[DR. CHANDRAKALA G BHAT VS. KPME GRIEVANCE
AUTHORITY AND ANOTHER]

26.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Mr. Venkatesh P. Dalwai is heard on the petitioner's grievance with the first respondent's impugned order dated 20.01.2026 [*Annexure-B*].

The first respondent by this order has informed the petitioner that his license could be cancelled if it is found that she is prescribing Allopathy medicines. The first respondent has also referred to Section 36 of the Karnataka Ayurvedic, Naturopathy, Siddha, Unani and Yoga Practitioners' Registration and Medical Practitioners' Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1961 [for short, '*the Act of 1961*']. The learned counsel submits that the petitioner is being brought under duress with the threat of a penalty and cancellation referring to Section 36 of the Act of 1961 which could be invoked only when there is a conviction as contemplated under Section 40 thereof.

In consideration of these submissions, all further proceedings pursuant to the impugned order dated 20.01.2026 [*Annexure - B*] is stayed subject to further orders.

Mr. Aditya Diwakara, a learned Additional Government Advocate, is called upon to accept notice for the first respondent.

There shall be Emergent Notice returnable by **02.04.2026** to the second respondent.

The office is directed to tag this petition along with W.P.No.4567/2026.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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