



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 6407 OF 2026 (GM-R/C)

BETWEEN:

SRI HONMESHGOWDA B R
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
S/O LATE B.J.RAJGOPAL
YAJAMAN OF BYADEGERE BANDI
SRI HONNESHWARA SWAMY TEMPLE AT
SHIVANAGERE R/A SHIVANAGERE,
JAKKENAHALLI POST
MADHUGIRI TALUK
TUMKUR DISTRICT 572112.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. BHUVAN K.P.,ADVOCATE)



AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
M.S. BUILDING, BENGALURU 56001
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
2. THE COMMISSIONER FOR
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND
CHARITABL ENDOWMENTS,



4TH FLOOR, MALAI MAHADESHWARA
BUILDING, ALUR VENKATARAO ROAD,
CHAMRAJPET, BENGALURU-560018.

3. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
TUMKUR, DIST. TUMKUR-572102.
4. THE TAHSILDAR,
MADHUGIRI, MADHIGIR TALUK,
TUMKUR DISTRICT-572135.
5. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
ZILLA PARISHAT,
TUMKUR 572102.
6. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Z.P. MADHUGIRI
TQ.MADHUGIRI
DISTRICT TUMKUR-572102.
7. THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
SAJJEHOSAHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT,
DODDERI HOBLI, MADHUGIRI TALUK,
TUMKUR DIST-572112.
8. SRI. G.S.RAMACHANDRASWAMY
S/O LATE SHIVARAMAIAH
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS,
YAJAMAN OF RAMANAHALLI BANDI
SRI HONNESHWARA SWAMY TEMPLE,
AT SHIVANAGERE
R/O GULIGANAHALLI,
KASABA HOBLI, SIRA TALUK,
TUMKUR DISTRICT-572137.
9. SRI HONNESHWARA SWAMY
JEERNODDARA SEVA SAMITHI (R)



SHIVANAGERE, DODDERI HOBLI,
MADHUGIRI TALUK, TUMKUR DISTRICT,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT
SRI.J.MANJUNATH
S/O JAVERAPPA
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS,
R/A MUDDENADU VILLAGE,
SIRA TQ. TUMKUR DISTRICT-572125.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.B. RAVINDRANATH., AGA FOR R1 to R4)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO-DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO DECLARE THAT THE PETITIONER AND OTHER 4 BANDIS HAVE EXCLUSIVE ADMINISTRATION RIGHTS OF THE TEMPLE SRI HONNESHWARA SWAMY AS YAJAMAN OF BYADAGERE BANDI; II) ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO PERMIT THE PETITIONER AND OTHER 4 BANDIS BEAING THE YAJAMANS OF THE TEMPLE TO ENOGARATE THE FUNCTION OF THE NEW TEMPLE ON 27.02.2026 TO 01.03.2026 AS PER ANNEXURE-A; III) ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS NOT TO PERMIT THE 9TH RESPONDENT TO ACT AS WHOLE AND SOLE ADMINISTRATOR OF "SRI HONNESHWARA SWAMY".

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:



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

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner asserts he is from a family of *Kunchittige* community who have hereditary rights to oversee the affairs of Sri Honneshwara Swamy Temple [for short, '*the Temple*'] at Shivanagere, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumakuru District. The petitioner seeks directions to the respondents to declare that he and four other *Bandis* as *Yajaman* of *Byadagere Bandi* have such exclusive right and participate in the consecration ceremonies of the Temple renovated and refurbished, with directions to the other respondents not to permit the ninth respondent to act as the *Administrator*.

Sri Bhuvan K P, the learned counsel for the petitioner, when queried on the forum to declare certain rights, submits that the petitioner inevitably will have to avail alternative remedy that could be under the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions



and Charitable Endowments Act, 1997. This Court is therefore not persuaded to interfere to make any declaration or issue any direction.

At this stage, Sri K P Bhuvan submits that this Court may observe that with the consecration ceremony being held for the next three days starting from tomorrow, the petitioner can participate in the consecration ceremony. Sri B Ravindranath, a learned Additional Government Advocate, who is called upon to accept notice for the first to fourth respondents, is heard on this request. This Court cannot, when the petitioner's right is yet to be declared allow any participation that could undermine third party interest or create equities in favour of the petitioner, and the permission that can be must therefore be in this context. In the light of the afore, the following:



ORDER

- [a] The petition stands disposed of without prejudice to the petitioner to avail alternative remedy for vindication of his right to be part of the management of Sri Honneshwara Swamy Temple at Shivanagere, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumakuru District.
- [b] The petitioner is permitted to be present on the occasion, but on the condition that he shall not assert any right.

**SD/-
(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE**

AN/-