



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND

WRIT PETITION No. 6521 OF 2025 (S-KSAT)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. M. SRIDEVI,
W/O. H. S. RAMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
WORKING AS DISTRICT REGISTRAR,
RAMANAGARA DISTRICT,
RAMANAGARA-562159.

NOW UNDER AN ORDER OF SUSPENSION,
RESIDING AT No.38, PM ENCLAVE,
NEAR MOTHER DAIRY,
YELAHANKA NEW TOWN,
BANGALORE -560 064.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SATISH K., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
(STAMPS AND REGISTRATION),
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,





M. S. BUILDING,
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI REUBEN JACOB, AAG A/W
SRI VIKAS ROJIPURA, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 28/02/2025 PASSED BY THE HON'BLE KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL IN APPLICATION No.765/2025, IN SO FAR AS NON GRANT OF EX-PARTE INTERIM ORDER OF STAY AS SOUGHT FOR BY THE PETITIONER IS CONCERNED (ANNEXURE-A).

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT)

The petitioner is before this Court aggrieved by the non-grant of stay of the order of suspension by the Tribunal vide order dated 28.02.2025 in Application No.765/2025. This Court, by order dated 06.03.2025, had granted interim order as prayed for.

2. Heard learned counsel Sri.Satish K., for the petitioner and learned Additional Advocate General Sri. Reuben Jacob along with learned Additional Government Advocate Sri.



Vikas Rojipura for the respondent. Perused the entire writ petition papers.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that pursuant to the interim order, the petitioner had reported to duty as District Registrar, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara. The petitioner filed I.A. No.2/2025 along with the show cause notice dated 22.04.2025 issued to her, seeking stay of the said show cause notice. A reading of the show cause notice dated 22.04.2025 indicates that the petitioner was asked to show cause as why the petitioner had reported to duty by virtue of the interim order without seeking re-posting from the competent authority. This Court by order dated 11.02.2026, issued show cause notice to the Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue (Stamps and Registration) to explain as to why action shall not be initiated for contempt of interim order dated 06.03.2025. In pursuance of the said order, Sri. Munish Moudgil, the Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Revenue (DM and Stamp and Registration) has filed affidavit dated 23.02.2026 explaining the circumstances under which show cause notice was issued. The Principal



Secretary appeared personally before the Court. In the affidavit, it is stated that there was no intention to undermine or in any way violate the orders of this Court, however as the petitioner violated circulars of the State, State was constrained to issue show cause notice. Further, it is stated that he has always ensured strict and faithful compliance with the judicial directions in letter and in spirit.

4. Learned counsels appearing for the parties would inform this Court that the main matter before the Tribunal is already heard and the application is said to have been disposed of with a direction to the State to revoke the order of suspension. Be that as it may.

5. In the light of the subsequent developments, the present writ petition would not survive for consideration. Accordingly, disposed of.

Sd/-
(S.G.PANDIT)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(K. V. ARAVIND)
JUDGE