



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 200713 OF 2021

BETWEEN:

KESHAVA
S/O MADHAV RAO KULKARNI
AGE 21 YEARS
OCC: F.D.A IN JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
PRESENT WORKING IN SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE
AND JMFC AT HUMNABAD
DISTRICT BIDAR (ON DEPUTATION)
R/O H.NO. 15-5-588/2, LAXMI NAGAR
KUMBARWADA NEAR RAVINDRA SCHOOL
RING ROAD, GUMPA BIDAR
DISTRICT BIDAR-585 403

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. GOURISH S KHASHAMPUR., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. PRL. DISTRICT AND SESSION JUDGE
BIDAR COURT COMPLEX, BIDAR CITY
DISTRICT BIDAR-585 401
REP BY C.A.O.

2. CHIEF MINISTERIAL OFFICER
PRL. DISTRICT AND SESSION COURT
BIDAR, BIDAR COURT COMPLEX
BIDAR CITY, DISTRICT BIDAR 585401.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.M A SUBRAMANI., ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226
AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO
ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI MAY KINDLY BE
PASSED, QUASHING ANNEXURE- E SHIRESTEDAR PROMOTION





ORDER ISSUED BY RESPONDENT ON ORDER NO 168 2020
BIDAR DATED 01.07.2020 TO THE EXTENT OF PART-A AND
ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

1. In this writ petition, the petitioner has sought for the
following reliefs:

*"A) A writ in the nature of certiorari may kindly
be passed, quashing Annexure-E-Shirestedar
promotion order issued by Respondent on
Order No:168 2020 Bidar, dated: 01-07-2020
to the extent of PART-A.*

*B) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus of
direction may kindly be issued, directing the
Respondent to give promotion to the Petitioner
for the cadre of "SHIRESTEDAR" with effect
from 01-07-2020 by counting his seniority as
per Annexure-A and same will be intimated to
the Adm. Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka,
Bangalore, for according the name of
Petitioner in the CEO Seniority list in the
interest of justice.*



C) Any other relief for which the Petitioner is legally and equitable entitled may also be granted in favour of the Petitioner, as per law, in the interest of justice and equity."

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he will not press prayer (a) and will restrict the writ petition only for consideration of prayer (b). The said submission is placed on record.

3. The case of the petitioner is that he was appointed as a Typist in the year 1998 in respondent-Judicial Department. Thereafter, he was promoted as FDA in the year 2015. He has been serving in the respondent-Judicial Department since 1998. The grievance of the petitioner is that his case was not considered for promotion to the post of Sheristedar. Though he submitted a representation seeking promotion, without considering his case, by order dated 01.07.2020 (Annexure-E), one Smt.Sunitha, who is junior to the petitioner, was promoted to the post of



Sheristedar. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has approached this Court.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that during the pendency of this writ petition, by order dated 02.11.2021 (Annexure-R1), the petitioner has been promoted to the post of Sheristedar. However, it is contended that without authority of law, the petitioner was denied promotion to the post of Sheristedar from the date his junior was promoted, i.e., 01.07.2020. Therefore, he claims entitlement to all monetary and consequential benefits from 01.07.2020.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that the petitioner's representation has been considered and he has been promoted to the post of Sheristedar by order dated 02.11.2021.

6. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the writ papers.



7. It is not in dispute that the petitioner was appointed as a Typist in the year 1998 and was promoted as a FDA in the year 2015. It is also not in dispute that no departmental enquiry is pending against him. Though the petitioner was eligible for promotion to the post of Sheristedar, his case was not considered when his junior, Smt.Sunitha, was promoted on 01.07.2020 vide Annexure-E. Subsequently, the petitioner was promoted on 02.11.2021 vide Annexure-R1. The grievance of the petitioner is that he is entitled to notional promotion with effect from 01.07.2020, along with all monetary and consequential benefits is concerned.

8. In view of the above and in the interest of justice, liberty may be reserved to the petitioner to file a fresh representation seeking for grant of monetary and consequential benefits from 01.07.2020.

9. Accordingly, the following order is passed:



ORDER

- a) The writ petition is disposed of.
- b) Liberty is reserved to the petitioner to submit a fresh representation to the respondent No.1 seeking for grant of monetary and consequential benefits from 01.07.2020.
- c) If such a representation is submitted by the petitioner, the respondent No.1 shall consider and dispose of the same in accordance with law, within six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, keeping in view the observations made herein.

**Sd/-
(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE**

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