



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 269 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

1. THYAGARAJ REDDY
S/O. LATE RAMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 72 YEARS,
R/AT OLD KHANESHMARI NO.59,
NEW KHANESHMARI NO. 58,
DOMMASANDRA VILLAGE,
ANEKAL TALUK,
BENGALURU 562 106

2. T. RAVI,
S/O. D. R. THYAGARAJA REDDY,
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
R/AT NEAR SRI RANGANATHASWAMY TEMPLE,
DOMMASANDRA VILLAGE
AND POST, SARJAPURA HOBLI,
ANEKAL TALUK,
BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT
KARNATAKA-562 106

...COMPLAINANTS

(BY SRI. SHIVARAJU M K, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
THE DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ





DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BENGALURU-560 001
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY

2. MANJUNATHA REDDY,
THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
DOMMASANDRA GRAMA PANCHAYAT,
DOMMASANDRA,
ANEKAL TALUK,
BENGALURU DISTRICT, 562 106

...ACCUSED

(BY SRI. S.H. RAGHAVENDRA, AGA FOR A1
SRI. PAWAN KUMAR N, ADVOCATE FOR A2)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTION 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT, 1971, BY THE COMPLAINANT, PRAYING TO INITIATE THE CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED AND PUNISH HIM FOR THE WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 28.1.2025 PASSED IN WP NO.20015/2022 (LB-RES) PASSED BY SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HONBLE HIGH COURT, VIDE ANNEXURE-A, BENGALURU.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. IA.No.1/2025 - This is an application seeking recall of the order dated 12.11.2025, whereby the aforementioned complaint was closed. On the said date, the complainant was not represented.



2. For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed.

In view of the above, the order is recalled.

3. The complainants have filed the present complaint alleging wilful disobedience of the order dated 28.01.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court in Writ Petition No.20015/2022 [LB-RES]. Paragraph 10 of the said Order is relevant and is set out below:

As a consequence, the Gram Panchayat is directed to register the khata in favour of the petitioner, if not already registered as per the official memorandum dated 13.01.2022 within a period of two weeks from today.

4. It is the complainant's case that in terms of the memorandum dated 13.01.2022, the Gram Panchayath was required to register the khata for the entire property in favour of the complainants within a period of two weeks.

5. An affidavit of compliance has been filed by the accused, indicating that the khata has been registered in favour of the complainants to the extent of the residential property.



6. According to the complainants, the order has not been complied to the full extent. The learned counsel for the accused submits that the order dated 28.01.2025 must be understood to direct registration of a khatha in respect of the residential property. He submits that after the writ petition was disposed of, the learned Single Judge kept the matter for compliance. It was listed before the Court on several occasions including on 03.03.2025, 10.03.2025 and 25.03.2025. The Order passed on 25.03.2025 reads as under:

"As ordered by this Court on 28.01.2025, the Grama Panchayat has registered the Khatas in favour of the petitioners and has placed on record the certified copies of the same along with a memo.

Same are taken on record.

In the light of the above, no further order is necessary".

7. It is apparent from the above that the learned Single Judge also proceeded on the basis that the order dated 28.01.2025 has been complied with.

8. In view of the above, we are unable to accept that any proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 is required to



be initiated. We however, clarify that this order will not preclude the complainants from seeking an appropriate clarification from the concerned Court or to avail of any other remedy. Needless to state that if the order dated 28.01.2025 is clarified to mean as claimed by the complainants, the complainants would also not be precluded from filing afresh, if the order as clarified is not complied with.

9. The complaint is closed with the aforesaid observation.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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