



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S. INDIRESH

WRIT PETITION NO.8198 OF 2026 (CS-RES)

BETWEEN:

SANTOSH KUMAR N.
S/O G.H. NINGEGOWDA,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
KASABA HOBLI,
GAGENAHALLI VILLAGE,
HUNUR TALUK,
MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 105.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. JAYAKUMAR S. PATIL, SENIOR COUNSEL FOR
SRI. SANDESH T.B., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION,
AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
2. DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
MYSURU SUB-DIVISION,
MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 401.
3. ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
HUNSUR SUB-DIVISION,
HUNSUR TALUK,
MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 105.





4. GAGENAHALLI PRIMARY AGRICULTURE CREDIT
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
GAGENAHALLI VILLAGE AND POST,
KASABA HOBLI,
HUNSUR TALUK,
MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 105.
REP. BY ITS INCHARGE C.E.O.
5. THE SPECIAL OFFICER,
GAGENAHALLI PRIMARY AGRICULTURE CREDIT
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
GAGENAHALLI VILLAGE AND POST,
KASABA HOBLI, HUNSUR TALUK,
MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 105.
REP. BY ITS INCHARGE C.E.O.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. YOGESH D. NAIK, AGA FOR R1 TO R3;
SRI. M.S. RUDRAIAH ADVOCATE FOR R5)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226
AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO SET-
ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 26TH FEBRUARY, 2026 PASSED BY
THE RESPONDENT NO.5 VIDE ANNEXURE-D; AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE E.S. INDIRESH

ORAL ORDER

In this writ petition, the petitioner is challenging the order
dated 26th February, 2026 (Annexure-D) passed by the
respondent No.5, wherein, the petitioner herein was suspended
from the post of Chief Executive Officer of the respondent No.4-
Society.



2. Heard Sri. Jayakumar S. Patil, learned Senior Counsel on behalf of Sri. Sandesh T.B., appearing for the petitioner; Sri. Yogesh D. Naik, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for respondents 1 to 3; and Sri. M.S. Rudraiah, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.5.

3. Sri. Jayakumar S. Patil, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 13th June, 2025 (Annexure-C) passed by the respondent No.3 and submitted that the tenure of Administrator was extended from 12th March, 2025 to 11th August, 2025 and thereafter, the tenure of the Administrator was not continued. Accordingly, learned Senior Counsel submits that the impugned order dated 26th February, 2026 (Annexure-D) passed by the respondent No.5 suffers from jurisdiction as the respondent No.5 has no jurisdiction to pass an order after completion of tenure of the Administrator.

4. Per contra, Sri. M.S. Rudraiah, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.5 submits that the tenure of the Administrator from 11th August, 2025 was not continued,



however, recommendation has been made for continuation of the Administrator in the respondent No.4-Society.

5. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties and taking into consideration the fact that the order dated 13th June, 2025 (Annexure-C) passed by the respondent No.3, extending the tenure of the Administrator for looking after the affairs of the respondent No.4-Society till 11th August, 2025 and thereafter, the same has not been continued, I am of the view that the respondent No.5 has no jurisdiction to issue the impugned order. Therefore, impugned order dated 26th February, 2026 (Annexure-D) passed by the respondent No.5 is hereby quashed. In the result, writ petition is ***allowed.***

**SD/-
(E.S.INDIRESH)
JUDGE**

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