



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN

WRIT PETITION NO. 8427 OF 2026 (LB-RES)

BETWEEN:

SMT. GOWRAMMA
W/O LATE K.T. THIMMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 90 YEARS,
R/AT NO.29, 1ST MAIN ROAD,
KELAGERE NAGAVARA, MALURU HOBLI,
CHANNAPATNA, RAMANAGARA -562 108.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. SHILPA RANI., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT, VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU- 560 001
2. TAHSILDAR,
CHANNAPATNA, CHANNAPATNA TALUK,
RAMANAGARA DISTRICT- 562 160
3. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGG DIVISION,
RAMANAGARA,
BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK- 562 159
4. SRI. SRINIVASA K.T.,





CONTRACTOR REGN.NO.16625/2021-22,
KODAMBALLI VILLAGE AND POST,
VIRUPAKSHIPURA HOBLI,
CHANNAPATNA TALUK- 562 138,
RAMANAGARA DISTRICT

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B.BOPANNA, AGA FOR R1 AND R2;
M S DEVARAJU., ADVOCATE FOR R3;
NOTICE TO R4 D/W, V/C/O/DATED 24.03.2026)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226
AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO
QUASH THE WORK ORDER DATED 25.08.2025 BEARING NO.
DR.62/2024-25 ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.3 AS PER
ANNEXURE-F IN SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO SCHEDULE
PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PETITIONER., AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS THROUGH
VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING, THIS DAY,
ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN

ORAL ORDER

The grievance of the petitioner is respondent No.3-
Panchayath has issued a work order to respondent No.4-
Contractor authorizing him to form a road in Kelagere
Village, Maluru Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara



District. In the process of making the said road, respondent No.4, acting under the directions of respondent No.3, has sought to encroach upon the petitioner's property for the purpose of forming the road. Aggrieved by the same, the present writ petition is filed.

2. The learned counsel appearing for respondent No.3, upon instructions, submits that a survey will be conducted to determine whether the place where the road is being formed is a panchayat property or a government property or the property of the petitioner and only if it is found to be a government property or a panchayat property, the road will be formed, otherwise the alignment of the road will be changed to exclude the property of the petitioner.

3. He further submits that if it becomes inevitable to form a road on the property of the petitioner, then in that event, the necessary acquisition will be done in accordance with law and only thereafter a road will be formed. He further submits that, presently, respondent



No.4 is forming a road only as per the directions issued by respondent No.3 and suitable directions will be issued to respondent No.4 in this regard.

4. In the light of the aforementioned submission of the learned counsel for respondent No.3, notice to respondent No.4 is dispensed with.

5. Respondent No.3 may form the road only on government / panchayat property. If the property belongs to a private individual, then in that event, the necessary acquisition will have to be done in accordance with law. If respondent No.3 wants to conduct the necessary survey with the assistance of the jurisdictional Assistant Director of Land Records (for short, 'the ADLR'), it is always at liberty to request the ADLR to do the same in accordance with law to find out whether the road which is being formed is on a public property or a private property.

6. For the aforementioned reasons, the Writ Petition stands ***disposed of*** with a direction to respondent



No.3 to form the intended road only after conducting the necessary survey and determining whether the property is a public property or a private property. If the petitioner is aggrieved by any decision that may be taken by the respondent, it is needless to state that she is having all the liberty to challenge the same in the manner known to law.

**Sd/-
(M.I.ARUN)
JUDGE**

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