



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO. 8724 OF 2026 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. S. VENKATESH
S/O MANDYADA SIDDAIAH
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS
R/AT: G34 SUBORDINATE COLONY
K.R. SAGARA, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK,
MANDYA – 571 607
2. SRI. SRINIVASA
S/O CHELUVAIAH
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS
R/AT NO.1063, MADURA PAI
K.R. SAGARA, HONGAHALLI,
MANDYA – 571 607
3. SRI. SHIVA
S/O DODDEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS
R/AT 13/1, OFFICIAL COLONY
BAZAR LINE, K.R.SAGARA, HONGAHALLI,
SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
4. SMT. MUBEENA
W/O BABU
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
R/AT BAZAR LINE, K.R. SAGARA MATTA POST,
BELAGOLA, MANDYA – 571 606
5. SMT. KAMALA
W/O RANGASWAMY
AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
R/AT NO. 2131, K.S.STREET
INDHIRANAGAR, SWEEPER COLONY
K.R.SAGARA, MANDYA – 571 607





6. SMT. VENKATALAKSHMI
W/O LATE. KEMPA
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS
R/AT 2264, GANGEFILE,
SANTEMALA, K.R.SAGARA,
MANDYA – 571 607
7. SRI. MAHADEVA
S/O LATE CHANNEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 66 YEARS
R/AT BEECHANAKOPPE,
SHANKALLI KOPPALU
SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
8. SMT. SHANTAMMA
W/O LATE. GOVINDEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
R/AT 375, BAZAR LINE.
K.R.SAGARA, MANDYA – 571 607
9. SANNATHAYAMMA
W/O LATE KALASEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
D 19/1, OFFICIAL COLONY
K.R.S, SRIRANGAPATNA,
MANDYA – 571 607
10. SOMASHETTY
S/O KALASHETTY
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS
R/AT NO. 91, 1ST BLOCK,
CHINAKURALI HOBALI, BANNAGADI,
MANDYA – 571 812
11. KAMALAMMA
W/O LATE KALIYAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
R/AT 5/1, OFFICIAL COLONY,
NEAR OLD K.R.S HOSPITAL,
SRIRANGAPATNA,
MANDYA – 571 607



12. SRI. RAJU
S/O LATE. RAMEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS
R/AT G-39, SUBBORDINATE COLONY
K.R. SAGARA, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
13. CHELUVANAYAKA
S/O LATE. VENKATANAYAKA
AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
R/AT NO.2154, TALAKADU FILE
K.R. SAGARA, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
14. SRI. SHANKARA
S/O LATE. MALLIKARJUNAIAH
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS
R/AT YEDORE GARGESHWARI POST,
T. NARASIPURA, MYSORE – 571 110
15. SRI. RAMA
S/O LATE. THIMMAIAH
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS
R/AT NO.225, KALASTAWADI,
SIDDALINGAPURA POST
MYSORE – 570 003
16. SMT. SAROJAMMA
W/O LATE. JAVARAIAH
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS
R/AT BASAVESHWARAPURAM
NEAR RAILWAYSTATION K.R.S,
SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
17. SRI. K. GOPALA
S/O LATE. KRISHNAPPA
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
R/AT NO.D 28/1, OFFICIAL COLONY,
YELLAMMA TEMPLE K.R.S,
SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607



18. SRI. CHANDRASHEKARA
S/O LATE. VENKATAPPA
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
R/AT00, BEHIND ADRISHAKTHI WINE STORE,
K.R.S, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
19. SRI. TAMMANNA
S/O LATE. SIDDALINGEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
R/AT ILAVALA HOBBI,
CHIKKANNA HALLI,
MYSORE – 570 008
20. SRI. VENKATARAMANA
S/O LATE. T. RANGAIAH
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
R/AT 2153, TALAKADU FILE
K.R.S, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
21. SRI. VENKATESH
S/O LATE. VENKATAPPA
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
R/AT D 20/1, OFFICIAL COLONY
K.R.S, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607
22. SRI. MAHADEVA
S/O LATE. NINGA
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
R/AT NO.698, BEHIND GOVT. HOSPITAL
JANATHA COLONY,
K.R.S, SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA – 571 607

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS V., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY IT'S SECRETARY TO
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
M.S. BUILDING,
BANGALORE – 560 001



2. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
CAUVERY NEERAVARI NINGAMA LIMITED
SURFACE WATER DATA ANAND RAO CIRCLE,
DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION,
SESHADRI RD, LAKSHMAN PURI, GANDHI NAGAR,
BENGALURU – 560 009
3. THE CHIEF ENGINEER
CAUVERY NEERAVARI NINGAMA LIMITED
IRRIGATION (SOUTH) ZONE,
PUBLIC OFFICES BUILDING,
NEW SAYYAJI RAO ROAD,
MYSORE – 570 024
4. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
NO 1 (NI), SUB-DIVISION,
KRISHNARAJA SAGARA – 571 607
MANDYA DISTRICT

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SPOORTHY HEGDE, AGA FOR R1;
SRI. B.R. PRASHANTH, ADVOCATE FOR R2 & R3)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECTION TO THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER AND DISPOSE OF THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PETITIONERS (ANNX-D) DATED 14.05.2025 WITHIN FOUR WEEKS FROM THE DAE OF THIS ORDER BY REVISING THE SALARY OF GROUP-D DAILY WAGES EMPLOYEES WITH EFFECT FROM 01.08.2018 TO THE SCALE OF RS. 18,600-32,600 WITH MINIMUM PAY AT RS. 18,600/- AT PAR WITH SIMILARLY PLACED EMPLOYEES IN MINOR IRRIGATION AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT (ANNX-B AND C) BEARING NO.MID 58 FIM 2024 DATED 07.12.2024, & AaPaSaM/C-10/F-1/DiNOV/ViVA-11/21-22 (ANNEXURE-C) (ANNEXURE-B DATED 03.08.2024 AND ETC.,

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR



ORAL ORDER

In this petition, petitioners seek for the following reliefs:-

- "a. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction to the Respondents to consider and dispose of the representations of the Petitioners (Annexure – D) dated 14.05.2025 within four weeks from the date of this order, by revising the salary of the Group-D daily wage employees with effect from 01.08.2018 to the scale of ₹18,600-32,600 with minimum pay at ₹18,600/- at par with similarly placed employees in Minor Irrigation and Animal Husbandry Departments (Annexures – B & C), bearing No.MID 58 FIM 2024 dated 07.12.2024 & AaPaSam/C-10/F-1/DiNOU/ViVA-11/21-22 (Annexure-C) (Annexure-B) dated 03.08.2024.*
- b. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction to the Respondents to compute and disburse arrears of revised salary, dearness allowance, and other attendant benefits from 01.08.2018 till date (or date of superannuation/death in case of Petitioners Nos.4, 6-13), together with interest at 12% per annum, and,*
- c. Grant any other remedy that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the case."*

2. After arguing the matter for sometime, learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the Petitioners would submit a



fresh/new representation to the respondents along with relevant documents, who may be directed to consider the same and take appropriate decision/pass appropriate orders within a stipulated time frame.

3. The aforesaid submission is placed on record.

4. Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of reserving liberty in favour of the petitioners to submit a fresh/new representation to the respondents. If such a fresh/new representation is submitted by the petitioners to the respondents within a period of two weeks from today, the concerned respondent shall consider the same and take appropriate decision/pass appropriate orders bearing in mind the documents produced in the writ petition within a period of six weeks from the date of submission of the said representation in accordance with law.

5. Subject to the aforesaid directions and liberty reserved in favour of the petitioners, petition stands disposed of.

**Sd/-
(S.R.KRISHNA KUMAR)
JUDGE**