



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 9765 OF 2026 (CS-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI. VENKATARAMAIAH,
S/O LATE HULIYAPPA,
AGE 76 YEARS,
HONNENAHALLI, TAMAKA POST,
KOLAR TALUK AND DISTRICT - 563 101.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA K., AND
SRI.DHANANJAYA P.K., ADVOCATES)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION,
VIDHANASOUDHA, BENGALURU - 560 001.
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
2. RETURNING OFFICER AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
ARAHALLY MULTIPURPOSE PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL
AND RURAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,
C.B. PURA ROAD, KOLARA - 563 101.
3. ARAHALLY MULTIPURPOSE PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL
AND RURAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,
C.B. PURA ROAD, KOLARA - 563 101,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.YOGESH D NAIK, AGA FOR R1 AND R2)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE ELECTION
NOTICE DATED 13.03.2026 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT
VIDE ANNEXURE A, AND INsofar AS PETITIONER IS
CONCERNED 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

Learned AGA accepts notice for respondents No.1 and 2.

2. In this petition petitioner is assailing the Election Notice dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure-A) issued by the Respondent No.2 *inter alia* sought for a direction to Respondent No.2 to conduct general elections to Respondent No.3-Society afresh in terms of Rule 14 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Rules, 1960 (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules).

3. Heard Sri.Hanumantharayappa.K and Sri.Dhananjaya.P.K, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Yogesh D.Naik, learned Additional Government Advocate for the Respondents No.1 and 2.

4. It is argued by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner by referring to Rule 14 of the Rules, that the



respondents have issued the impugned Election Notice at Annexure A without following the procedure contemplated under Rule 14 of the Rules and therefore sought for interference by this Court.

5. Per contra, learned AGA, submitted that, the Election Notice has been issued specifying the date of election on 28.03.2026 and further contended that the Respondent Authorities by following Rule 14(1) and Rule 14(3) of the Rules have issued Form No.12 specifying the date of election as 28.03.2026 and in that view of the matter, no interference is called for in this writ petition.

6. Having taken note of the submission made by the learned counsel for the parties and on careful consideration of Form No.12, produced at Annexure-A under Rule 14(3) of the Rules, makes it clear that the respondent authorities have followed the mandate of Rule 14 of the Rules.



7. In that view of the matter, I am of the view that no interference is called for in this petition. Accordingly, the writ petition is ***dismissed***.

However, if the petitioner is aggrieved by the same, it is open for him to approach the Competent Authority by way of an Election Petition.

SD/-
(E.S.INDIRESH)
JUDGE

RS
List No.: 2 Sl No.: 3