



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. 480 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

1. WEAVERS' HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY
A SOCIETY REGISTERED UNDER
THE KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE
SOCIETIES ACT 1959
O/AT NO. 2166, NEW NO. 38
1ST FLOOR, AKBAR ROAD
OPP. TO HANUMANTHU HOTEL
MANDI MOHALA, MYSORE - 570 001
REP. BY ITS PRESIDENT
L.S. CHELUVARAJ KUMAR
AGE 56 YEARS

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI. SUBRAMANYA R., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. RAGHUNANDAN RAMANNA
CHAIRMAN
BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE
CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
O/AT: NO. 5, SECOND FLOOR
LOOPLANE, RACE COURSE ROAD
BENGALURU - 560 009





2. LAKSHMIKANTH PAWAR
MEMBER SECRETARY
BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE
CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
O/AT: NO. 5, SECOND FLOOR
LOOPLANE, RACE COURSE ROAD
BENGALURU - 560 009

...ACCUSED

3. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.S. BUILDING, DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE - 560 001

...PRO FORMA RESPONDENT

(ACCUSED No.1 IS SERVED & UNREPRESENTED;
BY SRI YOGESH D. NAIK, ADVOCATE FOR ACCUSED No.2 &
SRI S.H. RAGHAVENDRA, AGA FOR PRO FORMA
RESPONDENT No.3)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTION 11 AND 12 OF THE
CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971 R/W ARTICLE 215 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS
CONTEMPT PETITION AND CONSEQUENTLY PUNISH THE
ACCUSED HEREIN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971, FOR THE WILFUL AND
DELIBERATE DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ORDER DATED
31.01.2025 PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WRIT
PETITION NO.34290/2024 (ANNEXURE-A) & ETC.



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. The complainant has filed the present complaint alleging willful disobedience of the order dated 31.01.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court in W.P.No.34290/2024 (LB-RES).

2. The complainant had filed the said petition impugning a demand notice dated 18.10.2024 whereby, a sum of ₹2,21,54,800/- was demanded as penalty from the complainant.

3. The learned Single Judge found that the said demand was based on the Government Order dated 22.11.2018 which was set aside by an order dated 05.09.2024 passed in W.P.No.25302/2023.



4. Although, the accused-State preferred an appeal against the said order dated 05.09.2024 being W.A.No.37/2025, the Court was informed that there was no interim order granted in the said appeal. Accordingly, the complainant's writ petition was allowed in terms of the order dated 31.01.2025, the disobedience of which is alleged. The Court also observed that in the event the accused succeeds in the appeal (W.A.No.37/2025), the demand would be revived. Additionally, the Court also observed that as a consequence of allowing the writ petition, the accused would necessarily, have to release 30% of the sites to the members of the complainant's society.

5. The accused has filed a counter affidavit enclosing therewith a copy of the order dated 18.08.2025 which indicates that an interim order has been passed in W.A.No.37/2025.

6. Respondent No.1 in the said appeal had agreed to deposit penalty as imposed in terms of the Government Order dated 22.11.2018. This Court had thus ordered that on the said penalty being paid, remaining 30% sites shall be released.



7. There is merit in the contention of the accused that since there is an interim order passed in W.A.No.37/2025, it cannot be stated that the accused has willfully disregarded the order.

8. In view of the above, we find that there is no ground to proceed under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. The complaint is accordingly closed. We, however, clarify that this order would not preclude the complainant from availing its remedies including to seek clarificatory order, if necessary.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE