



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 15527 OF 2025 (GM-PDS)

BETWEEN:

V S RAJESH KUMAR
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS,
S/O LATE V M SATHYANARAYANA SETTY,
R/O VENGASANDRA VILLAGE AND POST,
KGF TALUK,
KOLAR DISTRICT-563116

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SHIVARAMU H.C., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD
AND CIVIL SUPPLIES,
VIKASA SOUDHA,
DR B.R.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU-560001.
2. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES
KOLAR DISTRICT,
KOLAR-563101.





3. THE THASILDAR
KGF TALUK,
KGF, KOLAR DISTRICT-563116.
4. THE COMMISSIONER FOR
FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES
5TH FLOOR,
MARKETING FEDERATION BUILDING,
CUNNINGHAM ROAD,
BENGALURU-560052.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B.RAVINDRANATH, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR SIMILAR WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION TO QUASH THE ORDER DATED 17.02.2025 PASSED BY THE SECOND RESPONDENT IN HIS ORDER NO.DRA (2)/CR/05/2024-25 AT ANNEXURE - B AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD



ORAL ORDER

The petitioner's father Sri V.M.Sathyanarayana Shetty was issued with an authorization to run the Fair Price Depot No.102 of Vengasandra Village, KGF Taluk and the petitioner's father has died on 23.01.2024. The petitioner thereafter has filed an application for transfer of authorization. The second respondent has rejected the petitioner's application for transfer reasoning that his father was aged 83 years as on the date of his death and in view of Rule 13 of the Karnataka Essential Commodities (Public Distribution System) Control Order, *2016, the transfer of authorization would be permissible if the authorization holder is below the age of 65 years.

Sri Shivachandra, the learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri B. Ravindranath, the learned counsel, who is called upon to accept notice for the respondents, are heard for disposal of this petition in view of this Court's consistent view that the application for transfer of authorization cannot be

**Corrected vide Court Order dated 27.03.2026.*

Sd/-
[BMSJ]



rejected on the ground of the age of the authorized holder or the educational qualification of the authorized holder.

The petition is allowed directing the second respondent to issue orders to transfer the authorization in favour of the petitioner within six [6] weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order without waiting for further orders from the Superior Officers reserving liberty to the petitioner to file a certified copy of this order with the second respondent within a period of four [4] weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

SD/-
(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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