



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 23384 OF 2025 (LB-BMP)

BETWEEN:

MR GANGARAJU K P
S/O. MR. PUTTA HUCHAIAH,
AGED 54 YEARS,
PROPRIETOR
M/S. RAJA ELECTRICALS,
WORKS AT: KHUSHI NILAYA,
14TH CROSS, SIT COLONY,
TUMKUR-572 103
GSTIN 29AFHPG8729A1ZG.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. KESHAVA BHAT S N., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE COMMISSIONER
BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE,
N. R. SQUARE,
BENGALURU-560002.
2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WEST)
BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE,
OPP. TO MANTRI MALL, MALLESHWARAM,
BENGALURU-560003

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SATYANAND B S., ADVOCATE FOR R1 & R2)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OF ANY OTHER WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE BILLS OF





PETITIONER AS PER ANNEXURE-D AND F FOR SENIORITY TO RELEASE PAYMENT EFFECT FROM 11/05/2023 INSTEAD OF 06/07/2024 AND CONSEQUENTLY DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT NO.1 TO MODIFY ITS ORDER DATED 25/06/2024 AS PER ANNEXURE-J TO CONSIDER THE SENIORITY FROM 11/05/2023 AND ETC.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

- a) *Issue a writ of mandamus of any other writ or order or direction directing the Respondents to consider the Bills of Petitioner as per Annexure-D & F for seniority to release payment effect from 11.05.2023 instead of 06.07.2024 and consequently directing the Respondent No.1 to modify its Order dated 25.06.2024 as per Annexure-J to consider the seniority from 11.05.2023.*
- b) *Grant such other and further relief or reliefs which this Hon'ble Court may deemed fit to grant under the circumstances of the case.*

2. The short grievance of the petitioner is that the bills which had been submitted by the petitioner for the works carried out in furtherance of the work order issued have not been considered and payment made.



3. Whenever any bills are submitted by a contractor to employee, it is but required that those bills are considered as per the contractual documents and necessary orders passed within a reasonable period of time either accepting or rejecting the bills. Needless to say, in either case, to be accompanied by reasons. In the present matter, the bills having been submitted on 11.05.2023, which are yet to be considered, I pass the following:

ORDER

- i. The writ petition is partly allowed.
- ii. Respondents are directed to consider the bills submitted by the petitioner and pass necessary orders within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
- iii. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the entitlement of the petitioner.

**Sd/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE**

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