



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.M.NADAF

WRIT APPEAL NO. 1473 OF 2025 (L-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER,
AMBLIGOLA,
SHIKARIPURA TALUK,
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT -577214.

...APPELLANT

(BY SRI. M.N. SUDEV HEGDE, AGA)

AND:

1. LOKESH BHOVI@ LOKESHA
S/O HULAGA BHOVI,
AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS,
R/O KALLANKLU,
SALUR POST,
ANJANAPURA HOBLI,
SHIKARIPURA TALUK
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT -577214.

...RESPONDENT

(BY Ms. T.J.SULASA, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. BASAVARAJU.M, ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA
HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS WRIT APPEAL AND
SET ASIDE THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 21.01.2025 PASSED

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VASANTHA
KUMARY B K
Location
HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA



BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN
WRIT PETITION No. 32119 OF 2019 (L-RES), ETC.

THIS APPEAL, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY,
JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH

and

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.M.NADAF

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH)

Heard Mr. Sudev Hegde, learned Additional
Government Advocate for the appellant.

2. As the amount in dispute is Rs.90,000/- which
has been deposited by the appellant, we dispose of the
appeal with liberty to the respondent-workman to
withdraw this amount.

3. The question of law whether the respondent-
workman would be treated as the workman or not, would
be decided in the appropriate case, depending on the
outcome of the pending issue before this Court.



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4. With the aforesaid, the appeal is disposed of.

**Sd/-
(D K SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(T.M.NADAF)
JUDGE**

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