



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT APPEAL NO. 1572 OF 2025 (CS-EL/M)

C/W WRIT APPEAL NO. 1577 OF 2025 (CS-EL/M)

IN W.A. No. 1572/2025

BETWEEN:

1. SRI N. NAGIREDDY
S/O T. NAREPPA
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS
DIRECTOR KALLAHALLI SFSCS
CHINTAMANI TALUK
CHIKKABALLAPURA - 563 125

...APPELLANT

(BY SRI D.R. RAVISHANKAR, SENIOR ADVOCATE A/W
SRI SARAVANA S., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION
M.S BUILDING, DR. B.R.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BENGALURU - 560 001
REPT. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
2. THE STATE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
3RD FLOOR, T.T.M.C. A BLOCK
SHANTHI NAGAR
BANGALORE - 560 027
REPT. BY ITS SECRETARY





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3. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER/
ELECTION OFFICER
KOLAR DISTRICT
KOLAR - 563 101
4. RETURNING OFFICER
KOLAR-CHIKKABALLAPURA
DCC BANK LTD.
DCC BANK ROAD
KOLAR - 563 101
5. KOLAR-CHIKKABALLAPURA DCC BANK LTD.
DCC BANK ROAD
KOLAR - 563 101
REPT. BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR
(REGD. UNDER THE KARNATAKA
CO-OP SOCIETIES ACT, 1959)
6. PEDURU VYASAYA SEVA SAHAKARA
SANGHA NIYAMITHA
CHINTAMANI TALUK
CHIKKABALLAPURA - 563 146
REPT. BY ITS PRESIDENT/DELEGATE
SRI LAKSHMAN REDDY.N
S/O. CHIKKANARAYANAPPA
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
(REGD. UNDER THE KARNATAKA
CO-OP SOCIETIES ACT, 1959)

...RESPONDENTS

(SMT. NAMITHA MAHESH B.G., AGA FOR R-1 & 3,
SRI R. SRINIVASA GOWDA, ADVOCATE FOR R-5 &
SRI JAYAKUMAR S. PATIL, SENIOR ADVOCATE A/W
SRI DEVIPRASAD SHETTY, ADVOCATE FOR C/R-6)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE
KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE
ORDER PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN W.P.
NO.14457/2025 DATED 08/09/2025 AND CONSEQUENTLY DISMISS
THE PETITION FILED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.6 IN W.P.
NO.14457/2025 HOLDING THAT THE 6TH RESPONDENT SOCIETY
WAS NOT ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE A DELEGATE OR PARTICIPATE



IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT FEDERAL SOCIETY
DURING THE SUBSISTENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 31/01/2025,
PASSED BY THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE
SOCIETIES & ETC.

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CHINTAMANI TALUK
CHIKKABALLAPURA - 563 146
REPT. BY ITS PRESIDENT/DELEGATE
VENKATASHIVAREDDY M.P.
S/O. M.M. PAPANNA
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
(REGD. UNDER KARNATAKA CO-OP
SOCIETIES ACT, 1959)

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THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN W.P. NO.14472/2025 DATED 08.09.2025 AND CONSEQUENTLY DISMISS THE PETITION FILED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.6 IN W.P. NO.14472/2025 HOLDING THAT THE 6TH RESPONDENT SOCIETY WAS NOT ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE A DELEGATE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT FEDERAL SOCIETY DURING THE SUBSISTENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 31/01/2025, PASSED BY THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES & ETC.



THESE APPEALS, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The appellant has filed the present appeals impugning a common order dated 08.09.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court in Writ Petition Nos.14457/2025 and 14472/2025 (CS-EL/M).
2. By way of interim orders, the societies in question (respondent No.6 in the present appeals) were permitted to cast their votes in the elections held on 28.05.2025. The learned Single Judge had allowed the writ petitions to the limited extent of directing the respondents to count the votes which were kept in a separate ballot box and to announce the results within ten days of the receipt of the order, subject to there being no order interdicting the same. The learned Single Judge had also reserved liberty for



the parties to approach under Section 70 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959 [**the Act**].

3. The learned Senior Counsel appearing for the appellant submits said that there is no difficulty in availing of the remedy under Section 70 of the Act. However, the observations made by the learned Single Judge may foreclose the examination on certain issues. He submits that if the parties were to be relegated for availing the alternate remedy, no findings ought to have been returned on merits.

4. The said contention appears to be *prima facie* merited.

5. In view of the above, we clarify that any findings returned by the learned Single Judge in the impugned order would not influence the concerned authorities in examining any dispute that may be raised under Section 70 of the Act.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents have no objection to this court passing the aforesaid directions.

7. It is clarified that all rights and contentions of the parties.



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8. The pending interlocutory applications also stand disposed of.

**Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-
(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE**

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