

WP NO. 29547/2025 (GM - RES)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[THE PRINCIPAL / PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, VS.
THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AND OTHERS]

07.01.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Mr.M. Veerabhadraiah, the learned counsel for the petitioner, and Ms.Saritha Kulkarni, the learned Additional Government Advocate, who accepts notice for the first to third respondents, are heard on the petitioner's request for grant of *ad interim order*.

The petitioner is aggrieved by the first respondent's order dated 24.07.2025 [*Annexure-S*]. The first respondent, by this order, has called upon the petitioner to furnish information as sought for by the fourth respondent. Mr.M.Veerabhadraiah submits that the fourth respondent has sought for personal information relating to a third party and whether such information can be furnished is a matter pending before a Division Bench of this Court in Writ Appeal No.1265/2023 [GM-RES]. The learned counsel emphasizes that notwithstanding the fact that the interim order by the

Division Bench is placed on record, the first respondent has proceeded to issue directions as aforesaid relying upon the orders of this Court in the writ petition.

In consideration of these submissions and on perusal of the interim order dated 10.01.2024 in Writ Appeal No.1265/2023, the interim order is granted as prayed for to be in force until further orders but with liberty to the respondents to complete their pleadings and seek vacating.

Sri G.B. Sharath Gowda, a learned standing counsel for the first respondent, subject to entrustment otherwise, is called upon to accept notice for this respondent and Mr.M.Veerabhadraiah shall ensure that the copies are served on his chambers at the earliest.

There shall be emergent notice to the fourth respondent returnable by 23.02.2026.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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