

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[THE STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS VS. THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND OTHERS]

21.01.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Sri Kiran V Ron, the learned Additional Advocate General, submits that during the pendency of these proceedings, the SIT constituted by the State Government has filed its report stating that **[a]** the subject land is forest land and therefore no quarry license can be granted, **[b]** the Forest Department cannot issue No Objection Certificate and **[c]** the Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Department has conducted the proceedings on 16.01.2025 based on the report and the details would be placed on record.

Sri D.L.N. Rao, the learned Senior Counsel who appears for the third respondent, submits that these may not be germane to the present proceedings because the National Commission for Scheduled Castes [the second respondent], has only called upon the office of the petitioner

to produce documents and this Court may observe that the personal appearance could be dispensed with.

These aspects could be considered later but for the present, this Court is of the view that the interim order granted earlier must be continued stipulating that there can be no precipitation with liberty to the petitioners to place on record a copy of the report and the outcome of the proceedings before the Additional Chief Secretary but after ensuring that the copies are served on the other side.

While so stipulating the office is directed to re-list this petition on **04.02.2026**.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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