

WP NO. 30349/2025 (GM - RES)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

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

12.02.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Sri D.L.N.Rao, the learned Senior Counsel for the third respondent [who is the complainant before the National Commission for Schedule Castes - *a Constitutional body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India*], submits that the short question for consideration, because the petitioners call in question the Commission's jurisdiction to issue Annexure-A, would be:

Whether this Court can take exception with the issuance of notice by the Commission if it is based on a specific complaint about deprivation of rights of a person from Scheduled Caste and if the enquiry by the Commission is confined just to this and not on any decision to either refuse or grant mining licence.

Sri D.L.N.Rao is categorical that the petitioner is only pursuing his complaint of deprivation of a right based on

discrimination with the Commission, otherwise the petitioner is pursuing his remedies for grant of mining license.

This Court *prima facie* opines that the State must respond in the light of the afore for vindication of its grievance in the present petition. With opportunity in this regard, the office is directed to re-list this petition on **24.02.2026.**

The interim order granted earlier is continued to be in force until the next date of hearing.

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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