



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026
PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND
WRIT PETITION NO. 29251 OF 2023 (S-KSAT)

BETWEEN:

SRI. K V SANTHOSH KUMAR
S/O LATE VEERABHADRAIAH
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS
VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
NOW UNDER ORDER OF DISCHARGE FROM SERVICE
R/AT KADUKOTTANAHALLI MADDUR TALUK,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571404

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. D.K. KIRAN KUMAR, ADV. FOR
SRI B.R. RAGHAVENDRA, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY IT PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
M S BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560001.
2. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
MYSURU DIVISION
MYSURU - 570001.
3. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
MANDYA DISTRICT
MANDYA - 571401.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. VIKAS ROJIPURA, AGA)





THIS PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER WRIT, QUASH THE ORDER PASSED BY THE KSAT IN APPLICATION NO.1673/2022 DATED 13.4.2023 VIDE ANNEXURE C AND ALSO; QUASH THE ORDER PASSED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT DATED 24.11.2006 ORDER BEARING NO.VAEST133/99-2000 VIDE ANNEXURE A3 AND FURTHER DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO REINSTATE THE PETITIONER INTO SERVICE, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. ARAVIND

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G.PANDIT)

Petitioner is before this Court aggrieved by order dated 13.04.2023 in Application No.1673/2022 passed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal at Bengaluru (for short, 'the Tribunal') rejecting his challenge to the discharge on the ground that the petitioner was before the Tribunal 14 ½ years after the impugned order.

2. Heard learned counsel Sri.D.K.Kiran Kumar for petitioner and learned Additional Government Advocate



Sri.Vikas Rojipura for respondents. Perused the entire writ petition papers.

3. The petitioner who was working as Village Accountant was discharged from service by order dated 24.11.2006 in exercise of power under Rule 6 of Karnataka Civil Services (Probation) Rules, 1977. The petitioner having kept quiet for nearly 15 years approached the Divisional Commissioner by filing appeal/revision on 23.08.2019. The said appeal/revision was rejected under endorsement dated 21.09.2019 (Annexure-A4).

4. Thereafter, the petitioner approached the Tribunal in the above stated application in the year 2022. Along with application, I.A-I under Section 21(3) of Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 was also filed praying to condone delay of 14 years 5 months in approaching the Tribunal. The Tribunal has recorded that absolutely no reasons are assigned by the petitioner to condone the



delay of more than 14 ½ years. When no cause, much less sufficient cause is shown to condone the delay, the Tribunal is justified in dismissing the application solely on ground of delay and latches. Before this Court also the petitioner has failed to explain long and inordinate delay of 14 ½ years in challenging order of discharge.

5. We do not find any infirmity or illegality in the order passed by the Tribunal. Accordingly, writ petition stands ***rejected***.

**Sd/-
(S.G.PANDIT)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(K. V. ARAVIND)
JUDGE**