



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 33558 OF 2024 (LB-BMP)

BETWEEN:

MR. JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER RATNAM,
S/O MICHAEL ANTHONY JOSEPH,
AGED ABOUT 78 YEARS,
R/A 1ST CROSS, PROMENADE ROAD,
FRASER TOWN, BANGALORE 560 005.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI NITIN A M, ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
BRUHAT BENGALURU,
MAHANAGARA PALIKE (BBMP),
CORPORATION CIRCLE, BANGALORE-01

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI B.S KARTHIKEYAN, ADVOCATE)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE WRIT OF MANDAMUS
MANDATING THE RESPONDENT TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL FILED BY
THE PETITIONER DATED 10.08.2022, ANNEXURE-D, AND DIRECT
THE RESPONDENT TO DISPOSE THE SAID APPEAL WITHIN A PERIOD
OF TWO WEEKS AND PASS SUCH ORDERS ACCORDINGLY.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ





ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

- 1) *"To issue writ of mandamus mandating the Respondent to consider the Appeal filed by the Petitioner dated 10.08.2022, ANNEXURE-D., and direct the Respondent to dispose the said Appeal within a period of two weeks and pass such orders accordingly;*
- 2) *Pass such other orders that this Hon'ble Court deem fit in the interest of justice and equity."*

2. Submission of counsel for the petitioner is that the appeal filed by the petitioner on 10.08.2025 at Annexure-D has neither been registered nor processed by the respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent called upon to make enquiry and make her submission. On instructions, she submits that since the appeal was not in the proper format it was not registered and processed.

4. A perusal of Annexure-D indicates that it is filed as an appeal and in those circumstances, I am of the considered opinion that though the format was not satisfactory, it ought to have been registered and



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objections raised as regards the format instead of not registering the appeal when filed. Hence, the respondent is directed to register the appeal in terms of Annexure-D and process the matter in accordance with law.

**SD/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE**

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