



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 39529 OF 2025 (S-R)

BETWEEN:

R. B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH
S/O R BHYRAM SINGH
AGED ABOUT 66 YEARS
JUDICIAL MEMBER (RETIRED)
KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
R/AT NO. 42, 1ST MAIN, 1ST CROSS
BHEL LAYOUT, VIDYARANYAPURA
BENGALURU-560 097

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. NARAYANA BHAT M., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. UNION OF INDIA
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI-110001.
2. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU - 560 001.
3. KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
TRIBUNAL (KSAT)
REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR
KANDAYA BHAVAN, K.G. ROAD
BENGALURU-560 009.





4. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A AND E), KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. S RAJASHEKAR, SENIOR CGSC. FOR R1:
SRI SPOORTHY HEGDE N, HCGP FOR R2:
SRI RAGHAVENDRA G GAYATHRI, ADVOCATE FOR R3
SRI. N AMARESH, CGC. FOR R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DECLARING THAT NO SEPARATE GOVERNMENT ORDER IS REQUIRED AS SOUGHT IN THE COMMUNICATION BEARING NO.PM /KAT/R-1001/2025-26/177 DATED 15.07.2025 MARKED AT ANNEXURE -K, FOR EXTENDING THE BENEFIT OF SECTION 14A OF THE HIGH COURT JUDGES (SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) ACT, 1954 TO THE PETITIONER, THE SAME BEING STATUTORILY AND JUDICIALLY SETTLED IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

This writ petition is filed under Articles 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, seeking the following reliefs:

"(a) Issue a writ of mandamus declaring that no separate Government Order is required as sought in the communication bearing No.PM/KAT/R-1001/2025-26/177 dated 15.07.2025 marked at Annexure-K, for extending the benefit of Section 14A of the High Court Judges (Salaries and



Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 to the petitioner, the same being statutorily and judicially settled in the interest of justice.

(b) Issue a writ of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to issue, if deemed necessary, a formal clarification/circular within a time-bound period, reiterating applicability of Section 14A of the Act, 1954 to Judicial Members of KSAT appointed from the Bar in the interest of justice.

(c) Direct the respondents to pay interest at such rate as this Hon'ble Court deems fit on the delayed payment of pension and pensionary benefits from the date of retirement till actual payment in the interest of justice."

2. The case of the petitioner is that he is a retired Judicial Member of the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal. He was appointed to the said post under the Advocates' quota, having been directly recruited from the Bar, and retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 03.04.2025, after rendering five years of service as a Judicial Member. Though he retired on 03.04.2025, his pension and terminal benefits have not been settled till date.



3. The learned counsel appearing for the fourth respondent has filed a memo enclosing the Pension Payment Order in respect of the petitioner.

4. In view of the above, the fourth respondent is directed to pay the pension and gratuity as per the Pension Payment Order submitted along with the memo, in any event, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there has been a delay of more than ten months in settling the pension and, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to interest.

6. Insofar as this aspect is concerned, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to file a representation before the Government seeking interest. If such a representation is submitted, the second respondent – State is directed to consider the same in accordance with law.



7. Further, if there is any discrepancy in the fixation of pension, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to submit a representation to the competent authority. If such a representation is submitted, the competent authority shall consider the same, after giving notice to the petitioner, and pass orders in accordance with law.

With the above observations, the writ petition stands disposed of.

In view of disposal of the main matter, all pending applications stand disposed of.

Sd/-
(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE

CM
LIST NO.: 1 SL NO.: 72