

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

**[M/S. RAYEEGOWDA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND
OTHERS VS. STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS]**

27.01.2026

(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

ORAL ORDER

Sri L M Chidanandayya, the learned counsel for the petitioners, arguing to support the petitioners' request for an interim order, submits the following:

[a] The petitioners are contractors who have agreed with the concerned Executive Engineers in different Districts, and their grievance is with the first respondent's Notification dated 16.10.2025 *[Annexure-A]* which stipulates that every Bill for Payment must be uploaded on the first respondent's KPPP's *Contract Management Module* for payment.

[b] The Bills submitted are scrutinized by the concerned for payment, and this could not only be time-consuming but also tedious, with certain queries being raised before there is approval.

[c] Pending this process, if the contractors such as the petitioners are called upon to upload the unverified Bills on the portal, they will be called upon to meet the responsibilities under the GST regime burdening the contractors, who already bear the consequences of the delayed proceedings, with the additional responsibility of having to pay GST with the payment being tentative even on quantum.

The learned counsel also submits that the petitioners propose to call in question the very jurisdiction to issue this Notification because it undermines the contracts that are concluded. Be this as it may, this Court is of the view that the first respondent must place on record whether mere uploading of the Bills on the KPPP's *Contract Management Module* on the portal would invite the consequences under GST regime and if it does, the protection that would be to the concerned.

The first respondent shall place on record in writing its comments on the afore grievance by the next date of hearing.

The office is directed to furnish a certified copy of this order to Sri Aditya Diwakara, a learned Additional Government Advocate, who is called upon to accept notice for respondents.

The office is directed to re-list this petition on **05.02.2026** for '*Preliminary Hearing*',

(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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