



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD
DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
BEFORE
THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE K.S.HEMALEKHA
WRIT PETITION NO. 100599 OF 2026 (LA-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. MALEYAPPA R. KURI S/O. RANGAPPA KURI
AGE. 72 YEARS, OCC. AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI,
AT/POST. SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY. NO. 3/4, M. 38 GUNTAS, SL NO. 1,
SY. NO. 3/7, M. 30, GUNTAS SL. NO. 2.
2. SRI. KANAKAPPA R. KURI
S/O. RANGAPPA KURI,
AGE: 75 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.3/5.M.38.GUNTAS, SL.NO.3,
SY NO.3/8.M.30.GUNTAS, SL.NO.4.
3. SRI. KRISHNAPPA L. KURI
S/O. LAXMAPPA KURI,
AGE: 55 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.3/6.M.39.GUNTAS, SL.NO.5,
SY NO.3/9.M.30.GUNTAS, SL.NO.6 (JOINTLY).
4. SMT. GANGAPPA @ GANGAVVA U KURI
W/O. UMESH KURI,
AGE. 45 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.3/6.M.39.GUNTAS, SL.NO.5,
SY NO.3/9.M.30.GUNTAS, SL.NO.6 (JOINTLY).
5. SRI. MANJUNATH U KURI
S/O. UMESH KURI,
AGE: 26 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,





R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.3/6.M.39.GUNTAS, SL.NO.5,
SY NO.3/9.M.30.GUNTAS, SL.NO.6 (JOINTLY).

6. SRI. VINOD U KURI S/O. UMESH KURI
AGE: 23 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.3/6.M.39.GUNTAS, SL.NO.5,
SY NO.3/9.M.30.GUNTAS, SL.NO.6 (JOINTLY).
7. SMT. SHANTA U KURI D/O. UMESH KURI
W/O. JAGADISH KUNDARGI,
AGE: 26 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.3/6.M.39.GUNTAS, SL.NO.5,
SY NO.3/9.M.30.GUNTAS, SL.NO.6 (JOINTLY).
8. SRI. YALLAPPA K.HABBAD
S/O. KARIBASAPPA HABBAD,
AGE: 70 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HONARALLI, AT/POST: SORAKOPPA-587102,
TQ AND DIST. BAGALKOT,
SY NO.29/4.M.2.A.19.GUNTAS,
SL.NO.9 (JOINTLY).

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. VIDYAVATI M. KOTTURSHETTAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560001.
2. THE SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU-560001.



3. THE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCE,
TECHNICAL-5,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU-560001.
4. THE COMMISSIONER
REHABILITATION AND LAND ACQUISITION,
UPPER KRISHNA PROJECT (UKP) AND
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT NAVANAGAR,
BAGALKOTE-587301.
5. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LTD.,
(KBJNL), 3RD FLOOR, K.R.CIRCLE,
BENGALURU-560001.
6. THE SPECIAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
UPPER KRISHNA PROJECT (UKP),
BAGALKOTE, TQ & DIST. BAGALKOTE-587204.
7. THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER
UPPER KRISHNA PROJECT (UKP),
BAGALKOTE, TQ. AND DIST. BAGALKOTE-587204.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. GANGADHAR J.M., AAG AND
SRI. PRAVEEN K.UPPAR, AGA FOR R1 TO R4 AND R6 AND R7;
SRI. AVINASH ANGADI, ADVOCATE FOR R5)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS NO.1 TO 7 TO PASS A CONSENT AWARD IN PURSUANCE OF SEC 19 (1) NOTIFICATION VIDE NO. SUM:KUME/BHUSWA-2B/CR-491/2021-22 DATED 16.03.2023 AS PER ANNEXURE-A ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO. 4 AND AS PER GOVERNMENT OFDER NO. JASUME 93 KBN 2025 ISSUED BY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (TECHNICAL-5) BENGALURU DATED 09.10.2025 VIDE ANNEXURE-C ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO. 3 AND TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE PETITIONERS 1 TO 10 WITHIN 1 MONTH IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ETC.



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

CORAM: THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE K.S.HEMALEKHA

ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking the following reliefs:

- (i) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the Respondents No. 1 to 7 to pass a consent award in pursuance of Sec 19 (1) notification VIDE No. SUM:KUME/BHUSWA-2B/CR-491/2021-22 dated 16.03.2023 as per Annexure-A issued by Respondent No. 4 and as per Government Order No. JaSuMe 93 KBN 2025 issued by water Resources Department (Technical-5) Bengaluru dated 09.10.2025 vide Annexure-C issued by respondent no. 3 and to pay compensation to the Petitioners 1 to 10 within 1 month in the interest of justice and equity.
- (ii) Grant such other and further relief/s including the issuance of appropriate writ or order/s as this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of this Case.

2. Learned AAG has filed an affidavit sworn to by the Regional Commissioner, Belagavi, who is also holding



concurrent charge of Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, LAQ, UKP and Ex-Officio Secretary Government, Revenue Department, Navanagar, Bagalkote. The said affidavit reads as under:

"I, Smt, Janaki W/o Madhusudana C.M., Aged about 53 years, presently working as the Regional Commissioner, Belagavi Division and Concurrent charge of Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, LAQ, UKP and Ex- Officio Secretary Government, Revenue Department, Navanagar, Bagalkote, Dist Bagalkote, today at Belagavi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:

- 01. I respectfully submit that, I know the facts of the present case and I am filing this affidavit.*
- 02. I respectfully submit that, The Commissioner UKP, Bagalkote post is vacant, 1 am given additional charge as Incharge Commissioner of UKP, Bagalkote since 30.12.2025.*
- 03. I respectfully submit that on the last date of hearing on 02.02.2026, both the*



parties had agreed for passing of Consent Award under the Government Order dated 09.10.2025 with respect to the concerned cases and further this Hon'ble Court had posted the matter on 16.02.2026.

04. I state that, if the land losers in W.P. No.100599/2026 give the affidavit before Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) for passing of Consent award. Then concerned SLAO will pass the consent award within 6 months and amount will be paid within 8 months.

05. I respectfully submit that, accordingly the land losers in the cases WP No.101160/2026 following and WP No.100450/2026 is concerned the proceedings are at the stage of joint measurement survey and steps will be taken for further acquisition discuss with beneficiaries of Managing Director, Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Ltd, (KBJNL) Bengaluru.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully pray that, this Hon'ble Court may be pleased



*to accept my affidavit and drop the Writ
Petition in the Interest of Justice and
equity.*

Hence, this affidavit."

3. The affidavit is taken on record.
4. In the said affidavit, it is stated that the Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) will pass the consent award within six (6) months and that the compensation amount will be paid within eight (8) months.
5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that she has no objection to the writ petition being disposed of in terms of the affidavit filed by the competent authority provided a time bound direction is issued.
6. In view of the categorical undertaking given in the affidavit by the competent authority and the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner, no further adjudication on merits is required.



7. However, to ensure compliance and to avoid further delay in disbursement of compensation to the land losers, it is appropriate to issue a specific outer limit.
8. Accordingly, this Court pass the following:

ORDER

- i. The writ petition ***stands disposed of*** in terms of the affidavit.
- ii. The respondent – SLAO shall conclude the acquisition proceedings and pass consent award on or before **26.08.2026**, and the compensation amount shall be paid or deposited on or before **26.10.2026**.

Sd/-
JUSTICE K.S.HEMALEKHA

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