



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI

WRIT PETITION NO.100791 OF 2026 (CS-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. RAGHAVENDRA S/O. PRABHAKAR SHASTRI,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
OCC. DIRECTOR OF KDCC BANK LTD. SIRSI,
R/AT. 219, KOTEGADDE,
BILIGI, TALUK. SIDDAPUR,
DISTRICT. UTTARA KANNADA-581402.
2. MAHABALESHWAR ANANT HEGDE,
AGE. 60 YEARS, OCC.
R/O. YAJNIKA BUILDING, GOKUL COLONY,
NEAR CAMPCO OFFICE, VIDYAGIRI, SIRSI,
UTTARA KANNADA-581402.
3. RAVI GAJANANA HEGDE,
AGE. 55 YEARS, OCC.
R/O. H.NO.100, HULGOL,
SIRSI, UTTARA KANNADA-581402.
4. HAMMANNA MAHABAL NAIK,
AGE. 68 YEARS, OCC.
R/O. MUNDGOD, AGADI,
HUNGUND, UTTARA KANNADA-581349.



...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY B.HIREMATH, ADVOCATE)



AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU-560001.
2. KANARA DISTRICT CENTRAL
CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
N.M. YARD, SIRSI,
DISTRICT. UTTARA KANNADA-581401,
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
3. THE RETURNING OFFICER,
ELECTIONS TO KANARA DISTRICT
CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
SIRSI, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
SIRSI, UTTARA KANNADA-581401.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. GIRIJA S.HIREMATH, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. VISHWANATH HEGDE, ADVOCATE FOR R2;
SRI. G.V. BHARAMAGOUDAR, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO A. ISSUE WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION DATED 23.01.2026 WHICH IS PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-F AND CONVENE THE MEETING; B. ISSUE SUCH OTHER WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION AS DEEMED FIT IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI



ORAL ORDER

The present writ petition is filed seeking the following prayers:

"a. Issue writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent No.3 to consider the representation dated 23.01.2026 which is produced at Annexure-F and convene the meeting;

b. Issue such other writ or order or direction as deemed fit in the interest of justice and equity."

2. The petitioner has stated that the respondent/Bank consists of 16 elected directors, representing from various constituencies. The elections were notified and the calendar of events were issued on 25.09.2025, notifying the date of election as 25.10.2025, much before the term of the earlier Board coming to an end. It is stated that in this process, several writ petitions were filed and due to many interim orders subsisting, the results of elections to all constituencies were not declared. After disposal of the writ petitions, elections to 15 constituencies are declared. In respect to the constituency relating to the representative from Affiliated Consumers Co-operative Societies and Processing Co-operative Societies, the votes casted by the ineligible voters was ordered to be considered in W.P.No.107649/2025. The same was challenged in



W.A.No.100750/2025 and an interim order was granted on 04.12.2025. It is the grievance of the petitioner that out of the 16 posts of directors, results to 15 seats being declared, they made a representation dated 23.01.2026 to the Returning Officer and Assistant Commissioner Sirsi, requesting issuance of notice for convening the first meeting of the newly elected Board in view of their being majority of the elected members and to conduct election to the Board of Directors. It is the grievance of the petitioners that said representation is not considered.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.2 submits that the writ appeal i.e., W.A.No.100750/2025, which the petitioner is referring to, is filed by him, wherein an interim order was granted on 04.02.2025, is dismissed of today by the Division Bench.

4. Learned counsel submits that in view of the orders passed in the writ appeal there is no impediment for the respondents to declare the results. It is submitted that they will consider the representation and will pass appropriate orders.



5. Having heard the learned counsels on either side, perused the material on record.

6. Limited prayer in the writ petition is to consider the representation dated 23.01.2026. In the light of the submissions made on behalf of respondent No.2, this Court is passing the following:

ORDER

- (i) The writ petition is ***disposed off*** directing the respondent No.3 to consider the representation dated 23.01.2026 in accordance with law.
- (ii) All I.As., in this writ petition stand closed.

Sd/-
JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI

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