



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. MURALIDHARA PAI

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 100029 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

THE SECRETARY,
SHRI JADGURU SHIVANADA VIDYAVARTHAKA
SAMSTHE (REGISTERED), GADAG-BETAGERI,
GADAG-582 102, REP. BY BASANAGOUDA S. PATIL,
AGE. 65 YEARS, OCC. RETIRED FROM SERVICE,
GADAG-BETAGERI, GADAG-582 102.

... COMPLAINANT

(BY SMT. VIDYAVATI M. KOTTUR SHETTAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. SMT. SUKDEVI S. KABADE,
THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES/
THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF CO OPERATIVE,
ZILLA ADALATH BHAVAN, NO.12,
HUBBALLI ROAD, AT POST: GADAG,
TQ. AND DIST. GADAG-582 101.

... ACCUSED

2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
OFFICE OF ADVOCATE GENERAL,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
DHARWAD-580 001.

... PROFORMA RESPONDENT

(BY SRI SHARAD V. MAGADUM, ADVOCATE FOR A1;
SRI SHARAD V. MAGADUM, AGA FOR PROFORMA R2)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTION 11 AND 12 OF THE
CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971, R/W ARTICLE 215 OF
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, 1950, PRAYING TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
ACTION AGAINST ACCUSED NO.1 HEREIN FOR DISOBEYING THE
ORDER OF THIS COURT DATED 09.09.2025 IN W.P. NO.106530/2025
VIDE ANNEXURE-A AND ETC.





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

CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. MURALIDHARA PAI

ORAL ORDER

(PER: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN)

1. The present contempt petition is filed alleging disobedience of the interim order dated 09.09.2025, passed in W.P. No.106530/2025. The interim order reads as under:

"1. Learned AGA accepts notice for respondent Nos.1 to 3. Issue notice to respondent Nos.4 to 7, returnable by 14.10.2025.

2. Considering that by way of order dated 23.04.2024 passed in W.P.No.107781 of 2023, this Court had directed all the parties to maintain status-quo till the disposal of the suit and now there is a calendar of events which has been issued to conduct elections in terms of Annexure-K, I am of the considered opinion that no change in the Management can be effected till the completion of the election process.

3. Hence Respondent No.3 is directed not to accept any documents and/or even if accepted, not to act on any document submitted in respect of change in the Management until the election process is completed.

*4. Re-list on **14.10.2025**.*



5. Process fee and copies to be furnished by the end of day 11.09.2025, failing which, interim order granted today will stand automatically vacated."

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for accused No.1 that subsequent to the passing of the interim order and in compliance with the directions contained therein, the process of election has been completed.

3. Learned counsel for the complainant, while disputing the manner in which the election has been conducted, submits that the same has been held in violation of the directions issued in the interim order and therefore amounts to contempt.

4. The allegation made is one of violation of the interim order dated 09.09.2025, which is denied by the accused.

5. Admittedly, the election process has already been completed. If the complainant is aggrieved by the manner in which the election has been conducted, it is open to the complainant to agitate the same before the learned Single Judge or to challenge the election process by initiating appropriate proceedings in the manner known to law.



6. In view of the fact that the election process has already been completed, we are of the opinion that the contempt proceedings do not survive for consideration.

7. Accordingly, the contempt petition is dismissed.

**Sd/-
(M.I.ARUN)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(B. MURALIDHARA PAI)
JUDGE**