

**MFA NO. 100798/2026 (MV)**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT DHARWAD**  
[VAIBHAV VENKATESH NAYAK VS. GANAPATI SEETARAM BHAT  
AND OTHERS]

09.04.2026  
(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

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

**ORAL ORDER**

(PER: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE B.M.SHYAM PRASAD)

Ms. Joshna P. Dhanave, the learned Counsel for the appellant is heard on the grant of ad interim order.

The concerned Tribunal in M.V.C. No.119/2022 has granted compensation of Rs.15,86,078/- to respondents No.1 to 3, who are the husband and children of the deceased. The learned Counsel argues that the appellant's vehicle is falsely implicated in collusion with the local police, and that the Tribunal, notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence to support the appellant's case, has fastened the liability on the appellant in the premise that the appellant is not able to explain the damage to his vehicle and that the evidence of the first respondent cannot be disbelieved. The learned Counsel submits that the first respondent could not have witnessed the accident to justify a claim against the appellant.

In consideration of these submissions and subject to further orders on I.A. No.1/2026, the interim order is granted staying the operation and execution of the Tribunal's impugned judgment and award subject to the following conditions.

**[i]** The appellant shall deposit 50% of the award amount with interest with the Tribunal within eight weeks from today.

**[ii]** The Tribunal shall invest the amount so deposited with a Nationalized Bank with instructions for auto-renewal.

There shall be notice to the respondents on the application and the appeal, and this notice shall be returnable by **14.07.2026**.

**(B.M.SHYAM PRASAD)**  
**JUDGE**

**(SHIVASHANKAR AMARANAVAR)**  
**JUDGE**