



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.M.SHYAM PRASAD

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR

MISCELLANEOUS FIRST APPEAL NO.101561 OF 2024 (LAC)

BETWEEN:

1. THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER
UKP, JAMKHANDI-587301.
2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
NAVANGAR, BAGALKOT-587101.

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI. ASHOK T.KATTIMANI, AGA)

AND:

SRI. RAMAPPA S/O. STEPPA PUJARI
AGE: 81 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. CHIKKUR, TQ: MUDHOL,
DIST: BAGALKOT-587122.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAJASHEKHAR B.HALLI, ADVOCATE)





THIS MISCELLANEOUS FIRST APPEAL IS FILED U/SEC.74 (1) OF RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT ACT, 2013, PRAYING TO CALL FOR RECORDS ON THE FILE OF I ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BAGALKOT, SITTING AT JAMAKHANDI AND THE LAND ACQUISITION REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT AUTHORITY, JAMAKHANDI IN LAC.NO.5021/2021, DATED 03.01.2024 BY ALLOWING THIS APPEAL IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE; AND ETC.

THIS APPEAL COMING ON FOR ORDERS THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

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



ORAL JUDGMENT

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

The respondent has successfully prosecuted a reference in L.A.C. No.5021 of 2021 on the file of the First Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bagalkote, sitting at Jamakhandi [for short, '*the Reference Court*']. The reference Court, by the impugned order dated 03.01.2024, has disposed of the respondent's reference as also other reference holding that:

[i] the market value for the acquired lands viz., lands in Chikkur Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkote District will be Rs.38,44,400/- per acre, and

[ii] the respondent would also be entitled to solatium, additional market value and interest as contemplated under Sections 30 and 72 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 [for short, '*the Act of 2013*'].



The Reference Court also observed that the respondent would be entitled to all other statutory benefits.

2. This Court had referred the appeal to Mediation. Today, the SLAO and the respondent are present before the Court, and they are identified by their respective learned counsel. When queried, they submit that the subject land is a wetland and the total compensation payable, as now agreed, would be Rs.40,00,000/- per acre and that the appellant's liability to pay interest at 15% will only be if there is a default in the assurance that the amount will be paid within 90 days.

3. The appellants and the respondent have agreed to the terms of the settlement at Mediation, and the terms are as follows.

“1. In the mediation, the parties have agreed to settle the matter as per the following terms:

i) Both parties agree that the market value be fixed as per the revised Government



*Notification No.ಜಸಂಇ 93 ಕೆಜಿಎನ್ 2025,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ 09.10.2025 at
Rs.40,00,000/- per acre for wet land and
Rs.30,00,000/- per acre for dry land.*

ii) The market value of the lands of the claimant is fixed at Rs.40,00,000/- per acre for wet land.

iii) The SLAO has agreed to deposit before the Reference Court the compensation amount at the rate of Rs.40,00,000/- (which sum includes all statutory benefits) per acre for wet land after deducting the compensation amount already deposited/paid, if any, within 90 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order issued by the Hon'ble Court.

iv) If SLAO fails to deposit the award amount, the claimants are liberty/entitled to recover the amount with 15% interest from till realisation of the amount by filing execution petition before the Reference Court.

2. The parties to this MFA (LAC) have set their hands to this settlement before the Mediation in the presence of Mediator on 18.03.2026 at Dharwad.”



4. The appellant and the respondent acknowledge the terms so agreed under the Memorandum of Agreement dated 18.03.2026 signed under the Karnataka Civil Procedure [Mediation] Rules 2005. Hence, the appeal stands disposed of modifying the Reference Court's impugned order and award dated 03.01.2024 in L.A.C. No.5021 of 2021 on terms as mentioned above.

The Office is directed to draw the decree accordingly.

**Sd/-
(B.M.SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR)
JUDGE**