



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD
DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026
PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. MURALIDHARA PAI
WRIT APPEAL NO. 100568 OF 2025 (GM-CC)

BETWEEN:

SRI RAJESH R. RUDRAPATI
S/O RAJU RUDRAPATI,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
OCC. BUSINESS, R/O. BAILPUR,
DANDELI-581 325, HALIYAL TALUK,
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT.

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI CHETAN V., ADVOCATE FOR
SRI RAHUL SHRIKANT BHUSHI, ADVOCATE IS APPEARED
THROUGH VC)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY ITS SECRETARY TO
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
M.S. BUILDING,
BENGALURU-560 001.
2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT,
KARWAR-582 301.
3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, KARWAR,
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT-581 301.
4. THE TAHASILDAR,
HALIYAL TALUK-581 329,





UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT.

5. THE TAHASILDAR,
DANELI TALUK-581 325,
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT.
6. SMT. RUKHMINI W/O SANJAYA BAGADE,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
OCC. HOUSEHOLD AND MEMBER
MUNCIPALITY DANDELI,
GANDHINAGAR, DANDELI-581 325,
HALIYAL TALUK, UTTARA KANNADA.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI GOWTHAMDEV C. ULLAL, ADVOCATE ACCEPT NOTICE
FOR R1 TO R5)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED UNDER SECTION 4 OF
KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT, 1961, PRAYING TO SET ASIDE
THE JUDGMENT/ORDER DATED 21.01.2025 PASSED IN W.P.
NO.102590/2023 (GM-CC) BY LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE AND
CONSEQUENTLY UPHELD THE ORDER DATED 20.03.2023
PASSED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.2 IN AJSK/APL/01/2021-22
AND ORDER DATED 11-01-2019 IN AJSK.VIVA.04/2018-19
PASSED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT AND CALL FOR RECORDS AND
ETC.

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

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



ORAL JUDGMENT

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

1. A caste certificate was issued in favour of respondent No.6 declaring her to be belonging to the Sillekyathas community, a notified Scheduled Caste. The same was subsequently cancelled by the competent authorities. Aggrieved by the said cancellation, respondent No.6 preferred W.P. No.102590/2023.

2. The learned Single Judge, after considering the matter, passed the following order:

"(i) Writ Petition is allowed in part.

(ii) The order of the Assistant commissioner dated 11-01-2019 and the order of the Revisional Authority/Deputy Commissioner dated 20-03-2023 stand quashed.

(iii) The matter is remitted back to the hands of the 3rd respondent/Assistant Commissioner to consider the complaint afresh, bearing in mind the observations made in the course of the order and pass necessary orders in accordance with law.

(iv) While so doing, reasonable opportunity of hearing shall be afforded to the parties to the lis.



(v) It would be open to the Assistant Commissioner to solicit any information/document from the hands of the petitioner.

(vi) The legal remedy available to the petitioner in the aftermath of the proceedings/order of the Assistant Commissioner shall remain open.

3. Aggrieved by the said order, the present writ appeal is filed by the appellant, who was respondent No.6 before the learned Single Judge.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the proceedings were initiated at his instance, an enquiry was conducted in accordance with law and the cancellation order was justifiably passed. It is contended that the learned Single Judge has erred in partly allowing the writ petition.

5. We have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The learned Single Judge has examined the procedure adopted by the State while enquiring into whether respondent No.6 belongs to Scheduled Caste and has found that there was procedural irregularity in the enquiry. On that ground, the writ petition has been partly allowed.



7. The State has not preferred any appeal and has accepted the said order.

8. We do not find any error in the order passed by the learned Single Judge warranting interference in this appeal. Accordingly, the writ appeal is dismissed.

9. In view of the disposal of the appeal, pending applications, if any, do not survive for consideration.

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

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