



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 200544 OF 2026 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

VISHAL S/O BASAVARAJ
AGE ABOUT 21 YEARS OCC: UNEMPLOYED
R/O AT POST SHEMBELLI
TQ. AURAD (B) DIST. BIDAR 585326

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI PREETAM DEULGAONKAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF GRAM SWARAJ AND
PANCHAYAT RAJ, M S BUILDING
BENGALURU 560001
2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BIDAR
3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TALUKA PANCHAYAT AURAD (B)

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI VEERANAGOUDA M. BIRADAR, AGA FOR R1;
SRI B. SHARANAVEER, ADV. FOR
SRI GOURISH S. KHASHAMPUR, ADV. FOR R2 AND R3)





THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO A) ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER ORDER OR DIRECTIONS TO THE RESPONDENT AUTHORITIES TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PETITIONER GIVEN TO THE 3RD RESPONDENT, DATED 19-04-2025, PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-E AND REPRESENTATION OF THE PETITIONER GIVEN TO THE 2ND RESPONDENT ON 02-05-2025, PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-F; B) ISSUE ANY WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTIONS TO THE RESPONDENT AUTHORITIES TO APPOINT THE PETITIONER THE POST OF WATERMAN IN SHEMBELLI GRAM PANCHAYAT TQ. AURAD (B) DIST. BIDAR; C) ISSUE ANY WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTIONS TO THE RESPONDENTS IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PRESENT PETITION, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Petitioner is before this Court under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, seeking for the following reliefs:

"A) Issue a writ of mandamus or any other order or directions to the respondent authorities to consider the representations of the petitioner given to the 3rd



respondent, dated 19-04-2025, produced at Annexure-E and representation of the petitioner given to the 2nd respondent on 02-05-2025, produced at Annexure-F;

B) Issue any writ, order or directions to the respondent authorities to appoint the petitioner the post of waterman in Shembelli Gram Panchayat tq. Aurad (B) Dist. Bidar;

C) Issue any writ, order or directions to the respondents in consideration of the facts and circumstances of the present petition, in the interest of justice.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that he had applied to the post of Waterman at Shembelli Gram Panchayat, Aurad (b) taluk, Bidar district. According to the petitioner, though he was the topper in the list of eligible candidates, the Gram Panchayat, for extraneous reasons, had appointed another candidate to the post of Waterman on 10.04.2025 and had forwarded the said resolution to respondent No.2 for the purpose of approval. Petitioner has submitted a representation to respondent No.3 on 19.04.2025 and a representation to respondent No.2 on 02.05.2025 complaining that the Panchayat



Development Officer and the Gram Panchayat members had taken bribe from the candidate and had proposed his name for approval. Grievance of the petitioner is that such representations submitted by him before respondent Nos.2 and 3 are not considered. It is under these circumstances, he is before this Court.

4. Learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3 submits that if the representation of the petitioner at Annexure- F dated 02.05.2025 which is submitted in the office of respondent No.2 who is the competent authority to approve the appointment, is not yet considered, the same shall be considered in accordance with law and appropriate orders shall be passed if some reasonable time is granted.

5. The said submission is placed on record.

6. The Writ Petition is ***partly allowed*** and a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider the representation of the petitioner at Annexure-F dated



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02.05.2025 and pass appropriate orders on the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible but not later than a period of ***two months*** from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

SWK
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 3