



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 200745 OF 2026 (GM-CC)

BETWEEN:

SRI. SHARANABASAPPA
S/O CHENDAPPA TALWAR
AGE: 18 YEARS, OCC: STUDENT,
R/O BILAWAR, TQ. YEDRAMI,
DIST. KALABURGI - 585325

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI PRADEEP KUMAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

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SWETA KULKARNI
Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA

1. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KALABURGI DISTRICT,
KALABURGI - 585102.
2. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
KALABURGI-585102.
3. THE BLOCK EDUCATION OFFICER,
O/O BLOCK EDUCATION OFFICE,
JEWARGI, TQ. JEWARGI,
DIST. KALABURGI - 585310.
4. THE HEAD MASTER OF
GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, BILAWAR,



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TQ. YEDRAMI, DIST.
KALABURGI – 585325.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA FOR R1 TO R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO, A) ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI QUASHING THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 26.12.2025 AT ANNEXURE-D PASSED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.2 (I.E.) THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KALABURAGI IN ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿ2(5) ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ/ವಿ/ಜಾ/ತಿ/ಹಿಂಬರಹ/39/2025-26./7522. B) ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING RESPONDENT NOS. 2 TO 4 TO CORRECT THE CASTE NAME OF THE PETITIONER IN HIS SCHOOL RECORDS AND TRANSFER CERTIFICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ORDER DATED 20.04.2020 WITHIN A STIPULATED TIME. C) PASS ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ORDER OR DIRECTION THAT THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT.

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

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned AGA for respondent nos.1 to 4.



2. Petitioner is before this Court in this writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking for the following reliefs:

"a) Issue a writ of certiorari quashing the impugned order dated 26.12.2025 at Annexure-D passed by the Respondent no.2 (i.e.) the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Education Department, Kalaburagi in ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿ2(5) ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ/ವಿ/ಜಾ/ತಿ/ಹಿಂಬರಹ/39/2025-26./7522./39/2025-26./7522.

b) Issue a writ of Mandamus directing respondent Nos. 2 to 4 to correct the caste name of the petitioner in his school records and transfer certificate in accordance with the Government Order dated 20.04.2020 within a stipulated time.

c) Pass any other appropriate order or direction that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the interest of justice and equity".

3. It is the case of the petitioner that he belongs to Hindu Talawar community, which is considered as a Scheduled Tribe and he had made an application through proper channel for correction of his caste name in his school records from



Hindu Kabbaliga to Hindu Talawar. The said application was forwarded by the third respondent to the second respondent and vide the impugned endorsement dated 26.12.2025, the second respondent has rejected the prayer of the petitioner on the ground that he has not produced the school records or the caste certificate of his relatives to show that he belonged to Hindu Talawar community and not Hindu kabbaliga community.

4. Perusal of the material on record would go to show that along with the application at Annexure-B dated 17.01.2025 which was submitted by the petitioner before respondent no.4, he also had produced his caste certificate and the caste certificate of his parents. It appears that along with the caste certificate, he also had filed an affidavit regarding the education qualification of his parents.

5. In the impugned endorsement at Annexure-D dated 26.12.2025 issued by the second respondent, there is no reference to the documents, which were submitted by the petitioner along with his application. It also appears that respondent no.2 has issued the impugned endorsement without granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. Under the



circumstances, I am of the opinion that, if the impugned endorsement at Annexure-D dated 26.12.2025 is quashed and the matter is remitted to the respondent no.2, to consider the request of the petitioner to change his caste name in school records, after granting an opportunity of being heard, the same would serve the ends of justice.

6. Accordingly, the following :-

ORDER

- i) Writ petition is partly allowed.
- ii) The impugned endorsement at Annexure-D dated 26.12.2025 issued by second respondent is quashed and the matter is remitted to the second respondent to consider the application of the petitioner afresh, after granting him an opportunity of being heard and also permitting him to produce additional documents, if any, in support of his claim.
- iii) The said exercise shall be completed by the respondent no.2 as expeditiously as possible



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but not later than a period of four months from
the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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