



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP SINGH YERUR

WRIT PETITION NO.200829 OF 2026 (KLR-RR/SUR)

BETWEEN:

ASHOK S/O GUNDAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS,
OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O NIRNA VILLAGE,
TQ. CHITTAGUPPA,
DIST. BIDAR-585401.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VENKATESH C. MALLABADI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
VIKASA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560001.
2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
BIDAR
DIST. BIDAR-585 401.
3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
BASAVAKALYAN,
BIDAR-585401.





4. THE TAHSILDAR,
CHITAGUPPA TALUK,
DIST. BIDAR-585401.
5. THE FOREST DEPARTMENT
THE REGIONAL FOREST OFFICER
BIDAR-585401.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. VIRANAGOUDA M. BIRADAR, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO GRANT THE FOLLOWING RELIEFS I) ISSUE APPROPRIATE WRIT TO THE RESPONDENT NO.2 TO 5 TO REMOVE THE ILLEGAL AND UNLAWFUL ENTRIES MADE IN COLUMN NO.11 "FOREST" IN LAND SY.NO.497/*/605 MEASURING 4 ACRES 38 GUNTAS OF VILLAGE NIRNA, TQ. CHITAGUPPA AND DIST. BIDAR BY CONSIDERING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PETITIONER DATED 31.12.2025, THE COPY OF WHICH IS PRODUCED AT ANNEXURES-C AND D.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP SINGH YERUR



ORAL ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Learned Additional Government Advocate is directed to take notice for the respondents.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that he is an agriculturist and permanent resident of Bidar. He is the owner in possession of the patta land bearing Survey No.497/*/605 measuring 04 acres 38 guntas situated at Village Nirna, Chitaguppa Taluka, Bidar District. The petitioner is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the land since several decades along with his family. This being the state of affairs, the revenue authorities without any basis, without notice and without enquiry have entered the name of 'Forest' in column No.11 of the record of rights which is illegal and unlawful. The same is not sustainable and it has to be reverted to the name which existed earlier by removing the name of Forest. Therefore,



petitioner made a representation on 31.12.2025 requesting the authorities to rectify the illegalities committed by them by including the name of Forest in column No.11 of the record of rights. The same has not been adhered to or no reply is provided. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court seeking direction to the respondents to consider the representation.

4. Learned Additional Government Advocate fairly submits that the respondents would consider the representation of the petitioner in accordance with law and would pass orders within a reasonable time.

5. In view of the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the respondents, the petition deserves to be allowed.

6. Accordingly, I pass the following:

ORDER

i. The writ petition is allowed.



- ii. Writ of mandamus is issued directing respondent Nos.2 to 5 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 31.12.2025 produced at Annexure-D and pass suitable orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. While passing such orders, a suitable opportunity shall be given to the petitioner.

Sd/-
(PRADEEP SINGH YERUR)
JUDGE

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