



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP SINGH YERUR

WRIT PETITION NO.200859 OF 2026 (EDN-REG)

BETWEEN:

DALITODDHARAK ASSOCIATION (R)
KODAGIHALLI
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT
SMT. SHAILASHRI ISHWAR RATHOD
W/O ASHOK JADHAV,
AGE: 35 YEARS, OCC: PRESIDENT
DALITODDHARAK ASSOCIATION (R)
KODAGIHALLI,
TQ. MADHUGIRI, DIST. TUMKUR
NOW AT POST CHIKKABEVANUR,
TQ. INDI, DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586217.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MANVENDRA REDDY, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO
GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY,
M. S. BUILDING,
DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU-560001.
2. THE CHAIRMAN,
THE KARNATAKA SECONDARY
EDUCATION ASSESSMENT BOARD,





6TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM,
BENGALURU-560001.

3. THE COMMISSIONER,
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
K. R. CIRCLE, NRUPATUNGA ROAD,
BENGALURU-560001.
4. THE ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER,
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION,
RODDA ROAD, DIET CAMPUS,
DHARWAD-580008.
5. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMN),
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION,
VIJAYAPURA-586101.
6. THE BLOCK EDUCATION OFFICER,
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
INDI BLOCK, INDI-586209.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER ORDER OF THE LIKE NATURE AND THEREBY DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL APPLICATION AND ACCORD RENEWAL OF I.G. JAMAGONDI HIGH SCHOOL, INDI R.S., TQ, INDI, DIST. VIJAYAPURA FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26 BY CONSIDERING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION.

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

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

2. This petition is filed by the petitioner seeking following reliefs:

"(a). Issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other order of the like nature and thereby direct the respondents to consider the renewal application and accord renewal of I.G.Jamagondi High School, Indi R.S., Tq. Indi, Dist. Vijayapura for five years from the academic year 2025-26 by considering the renewal application, in the interest of justice.

(b). Any other order deemed fit in facts and circumstance of the case."

3. Petitioner is a society registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act. Petitioner is running a school by name I.G. Jamagondi High School in Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District. The Government of Karnataka had accorded permission to run the school in the year 1991-92 and the approval was granted. The approval is granted for five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 as per Rule 7 in Form-3. The school has also got grant-in-aid



from the Government. The petitioner has filed an application, by paying necessary fee, seeking renewal for the next five years as per Annexure-G. The same is not considered and renewal has not been accorded. Hence, the petitioner has approached this Court in view of ensuing SSLC examination for the academic year 2025-26, which is scheduled on 18.03.2026. It is further contended by the learned counsel that there are 50 students studying in the SSLC class who are on the verge of taking up the SSLC examination. If permission is not accorded, their career would be at stake. Hence the present petition is filed.

4. Since there is an urgency in the matter, the petitioner requests to allow the petition so that the respondent authorities can take immediate action with regard to approval and consideration of their renewal which is sought by paying necessary fee.

5. *Per contra*, learned Additional Government Advocate contends that no doubt, the Government will



take note of the application filed in accordance with law. But, there is no representation made pursuant to filing of Annexure-G. He contends that this petition itself would not be maintainable for non-conforming to the requirement of submitting a representation.

6. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the respondent-State.

7. No doubt, the renewal and approval has been granted to the petitioner's school from 2020-21 to 2024-25 for a period of five years which is required to be renewed for a further period. Petitioner has also sent an application for renewal by paying necessary fee as per Annexure-G when the petitioner-Society passed a resolution on 21.10.2025. However, the same is not acted upon by the respondent authorities.

8. I am also in agreement with the learned Additional Government Advocate that for issuance of a writ



of mandamus, there must be representation made by the petitioner before approaching this Court seeking the said writ. Same is not forthcoming. Nevertheless, be that as it may, considering the fact that the petitioner is a society running an educational institution and the career of 50 students who are vying to take up the SSLC examination scheduled to commence on 18.03.2026, in the interest of the students and the educational institution, this Court deems it appropriate to consider the renewal form itself as a representation for consideration and inclined to issue a direction to the respondent authorities to consider the same in accordance with law and pass suitable orders.

9. Accordingly, I pass the following:

ORDER

- i. This petition is allowed.
- ii. Writ of mandamus is issued directing respondent No.5/Deputy Director (Admn.), Department of School Education, to consider the renewal letter/application for approval in accordance with law. The same shall be



considered within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order considering the fact that SSLC examination is scheduled to commence on 18.03.2026.

Sd/-
(PRADEEP SINGH YERUR)
JUDGE

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