



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 201149 OF 2026 (S-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SMT SHAKUNTALA W/O NARSINGH SONI,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO. 18-1-367,
JANATA COLONY, CHIDRI,
BIDAR TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 403.
2. SMT. MAHANTHAMMA W/O EARANNA HUDAGI,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO. 9-13-147,
MAILOOR ROAD, SAI NAGAR,
BIDAR TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 403.
3. SMT. INDUMATI
W/O VAIJINATH TAMAGONDA,
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO.155, MARIGEMMA MANDIR,
KHASAMPUR (PAN), KASIMPUR (PAN),
BIDAR TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 226.
4. SMT. SRIDEVI W/O LATE SHANKAR THAKUR,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO. 1/64,
REKULGI VILLAGE,
BIDAR TALUK,



BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 227.

5. SMT. RESHMA W/O RAJAKUMAR,
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO.111,
CHIMKOD VILLAGE, CHIMKOD,
BIDAR TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 402.
6. SMT. TRISHEELA W/O ANILKUMAR,
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
R/AT HOUSE NO. 8-5-292,
HALDHKERI, T.D.B. COLONY,
BIDAR TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 401.
7. SMT. SAVITA W/O MAHESH,
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO.3,
NIDWANCHA, BEMBALGI,
BIDAR TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 227.
8. SMT. ZAKIYA BEGUM
W/O KHURRAM AHMAD KHAN,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO. A-8-365,
MULTANI COLONY, BIDAR TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 401.
9. SMT. SUDESHNA W/O SANJAY BIRADAR,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
R/AT. MUDHOL (K),
AURAD B TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 443.
10. SMT. DAKSHAYANI W/O NAGANATH,
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS,
R/AT. MUDHOL (D),



MUDHOL POST, AURAD B TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT, BIDAR-585 443.

11. SMT. MAHANANDA C/O SANJUKUMAR,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
R/AT. HOUSE NO.57,
TEGAMPUR, MOHMADAPUR POST,
AURAD B TALUK, BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-5856326.
12. SMT. RANJANA W/O SHIVAJI RAO,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
R/AT. DONGARAGAON,
KAR KYAL, AURADH TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 443.
13. SMT. SHOBHA W/O GHALAYYA SWAMY,
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
R/AT BELAKUNI CH,
AURAD B TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 436.
14. SMT. REKHA W/O VINOD KUMAR,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
R/AT. HUNSGERA,
HUMNABAD TALUK,
BIDAR DISTRICT,
BIDAR-585 353.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. A. NAGARAJAPPA, ADVOCATE THROUGH (VC))

AND:

1. THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,



BENGALURU-560001.

2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT,
SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT,
VIDHAN SOUDHA,
BENGALURU-560 001.
3. THE DIRECTOR
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPT.,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
M.S. BUILDING, GATE NO.3,
BENGALURU-560 001.
4. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
BIDAR DISTRICT BIDAR-585 403.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO,A) ISSUE AN ORDER/ DIRECTION/ WRIT IN THE NATURE OF WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING RESPONDENT NO. 2 TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF THE PETITIONER IN TERMS OF THE ORDER PASSED BY THIS HONOURABLE COURT PRINCIPAL BENCH HONOURABLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA IN WP NO. 7923/2020 C/W 3801/2020 DISPOSED ON 12.12.2025 AND ALSO THIS HONOURABLE COURT IN WP NO. 226096/2020 DISPOSED OF ON 16.02.2026 DIRECTING RESPONDENT NO. 2 TO PREPARE SENIORITY LIST WITHIN 4 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER OF PROMOTION BY SELECTION BY GIVING WEIGHTAGE AT THE RATE OF 4 MARKS FOR EVERY 5 YEARS OF SERVICE AS ANGANWADI WORKERS. B) ISSUE AN ORDER/ DIRECTION/ WRIT IN THE NATURE OF WRIT PETITION OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING RESPONDENTS NO. 2 TO PREPARE THE SENIORITY LIST OF ANGANWADI WORKERS TAKING IT INTO THE ACCOUNT DISTRICT WISE SENIORITY



LIST OF ANGANWADI WORKERS AND TO PREPARE THE LIST FOR PROMOTION TO THE NEXT CADRE OF FEMALE SUPERVISORS IN RESPONDENT NO. 2 DEPARTMENT AND PROMOTE THEM IMMEDIATELY AS THE MAJORITY OF THE PETITIONER ARE AGED FEW OF THEM ARE FAG END OF SERVICE. C) ISSUE ANY ORDER/ DIRECTION/ WRIT AS DEEMED FIT AND PROPER IN FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE INCLUDING THE COST OF THE WRIT PETITION.

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

The petitioners, who are Anganawadi workers have approached this Court in this writ petition under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India seeking following reliefs:

"a) Issue an order/ direction/ writ in the nature of writ of mandamus directing respondent no. 2 to consider the case of the petitioner in terms of the order passed by this Honourable Court Principal Bench Honourable High Court of Karnataka in WP no. 7923/2020 c/w 3801/2020 disposed on 12.12.2025 and also this Honourable Court in WP no. 226096/2020 disposed of on 16.02.2026 directing respondent no. 2 to prepare seniority list within 4 months from the date of receipt of the order of promotion by selection by giving weightage at the



rate of 4 marks for every 5 years of service as anganwadi workers.

b) Issue an order/ direction/ writ in the nature of writ petition of mandamus directing respondents no. 2 to prepare the seniority list of anganwadi workers taking it into the account district wise seniority list of anganwadi workers and to prepare the list for promotion to the next cadre of female supervisors in respondent no. 2 department and promote them immediately as the majority of the petitioner are aged few of them are fag end of service.

c) Issue any order/ direction/ writ as deemed fit and proper in facts and circumstances of the case including the cost of the writ petition.”

2. Petitioners, who are working as Anganawadi workers for the last several years belonging to different categories, claim that they have completed their graduation. Grievance of the petitioners is that, since the post of Anganawadi workers was created under a scheme, there are no promotional avenues for them, as the next post of Anganawadi Supervisor has to be filled by direct recruitment.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that similar matters have been disposed of by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **WP No.7923/2020 c/w WP No.3801/2020** and **WP No.226096/2020** and therefore, this writ petition may also be disposed of in terms of the orders passed in the aforesaid writ petitions.

4. Learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for respondents does not dispute the submission of learned counsel for the petitioners. However, he submits that the Anganawadi workers shall be given 4 marks for every 5 years of service completed by them, towards weightage for the number of years of service put in by the candidates.

5. In view of the aforesaid, the writ petition is disposed of in terms of the order passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **WP No. 7923/2020 c/w 3801/2020** disposed off 12.12.2025. Accordingly, the following:



ORDER

- (i) The writ petition is ***disposed of***.
- (ii) The words "Direct Recruitment" in Sl.No.23 item no.(ii) and (iii) of the schedule to the post of Female Supervisors in the Karnataka Department of Women and Child Development (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2020, is read down as "Promotion by Selection".
- (iii) The basis of promotion by selection of Anganawadi Workers to the post of female Supervisors shall be based on the qualification and the marks obtained by them at the qualifying examination. At such selection, the Anganawadi Workers shall also be entitled to weightage at the rate of 4 marks for every five years of service as Anganawadi workers.



(iv) The respondents shall prepare a list of seniority of Anganawadi Workers as on the date of filing of these writ petitions and extend the benefit to those Anganawadi workers who are still in service.

(v) In view of the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioners that some of the petitioners are due for retirement, respondent No.2 shall make endeavor to complete the process within an outer limit of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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