



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 201382 OF 2026 (LB-RES)

C/W

WRIT PETITION NO. 201484 OF 2026 (LB-ELE)

IN WP No. 201382/2026

BETWEEN:

SRI SHIVAKUMAR S/O SHARANAPPA
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
OCC: SOCIAL SERVICE (CORPORATOR)
R/O 17-4-351/1, NEAR KALA HANUMAN KAMAN,
CMC COLONY, MAILOOR ROAD, BIDAR 585403



...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAVI B PATIL.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
M S BUILDING, BENGALURU 560001



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2. THE DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
V V TOWER, DR B R AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU 560001
3. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
KALABURAGI REGION, R C OFFICE,
MINI VIDHANA SOUDHA, KALABURAGI 585102
4. THE COMMISSIONER
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BIDAR
TQ. AND DIST. BIDAR
5. THE UNDER SECRETARY
KARNATAKA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION.
NO. 16, 2ND AND 3RD FLOOR, BELLARY ROAD
SADASHIVA NAGAR, BENGALURU 560080
6. HANAMANTH GHODE,
S/O NARSING RAO, AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
OCC: CORPORATOR, CITY CORPORATION, BIDAR
R/O H.NO.13-3-13, HYDERABAD ROAD,
CHRISTIAN HOUSE, LADGERI,
TQ. AND DIST. BIDAR- 585 401.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. PRATHIMA HONNAPURA, AAG (VC) A/W
SRI. SHESHADRI JAISHANKAR M. AGA FOR R1 TO R3;
SRI GOURISH S KHASHAMPUR, ADV FOR R4;
SRI SUDHARSHAN M., ADV FOR R5;
SRI JAIRAJ K BUKKA, ADV FOR R6 (VC))

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO, A) ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO QUASH THE IMPUGNED NOTICE DATED 18.03.2026 BEARING NO.REV/RC/ELE/22/2025-26 AS AT ANNEXURE-H ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT AUTHORITY FOR HOLDING ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ALLEGED REMAINING TENURE OF 30 MONTHS BY APPLYING THE ROSTER AS NOTIFIED FOR THE 10TH TERM FOR THE ERSTWHILE BIDAR MUNICIPALITY ISSUED UNDER SEC.42 OF



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THE KARNATAKA MUNICIPALITIES ACT AND RULE 13A AND 13 OF THE KARNATAKA MUNICIPALITIES (PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT) ELECTION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2024, DATED 05.08.2024 AS AT ANNEXURE-C, AS ILLEGAL AND ARBITRARY IN NATURE. AA) ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO QUASH THE IMPUNGED COMMUNICATIN DATED 16.03.2026 BEARING No.UDA 40 MLR 2026 (e) AS A ANNEXURE-G, PROVIDING EXTENSION OF THE TENURE OF THE COUNCILORS FOR REMAINING PERIOD OF 30 MONTHS AND FROM HOLDING ELECTIONS TO THE POST OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR, AS CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 501 C(2) OF THE ACT, AB) ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS 1 TO 5 TO HOLD ELECTIONS TO THE LARGER URBAN AREA NOTIFIED DATED 15.04.2025 FOR BIDAR MAHANGAR PALIKE, FORTHWITH WITHOUT ANY FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 501 C OF KARNATAKA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACT, B) ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS NO.1 TO 5 TO DETERMINE THE ROSTER APPLICABLE TO THE POST OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR AS PER SEC.10 (1-A) OF THE KARNATAKA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACT, BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ELECTIONS TO THE POST OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR, WITHIN SUCH STIPULATED TIME AS THIS HONBLE COURT DEEMS FIT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.C) ISSUE ANY WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION AS THIS HONBLE COURT MAY DEEM FIT IN THE FACT AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE CASE.

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BETWEEN:

1. SHIVNANADA W/O SANTOSH
AGE: 38 YEARS, OCC: MEMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYAT,
ASTOOR, R/O TAJALAPUR, DIST BIDAR 585401
2. PREMILA W/O MOHAN
AGE: 40 YEARS, OCC: MEMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYAT,
ASTOOR, R/O TAJALAPUR, DIST BIDAR 585401



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3. RAHUL S/O DASHRATH
AGE: 36 YEARS, OCC: MEMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYAT,
ASTOOR, R/O TAJALAPUR, DIST BIDAR 585401
...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. REVANASIDDAPPA JAGADEVAPPA
BHUSARE.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

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BENGALURU-560 001.
3. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
KALABURAGI REGION
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BIDAR, TQ AND DIST BIDAR 585401.
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BIDAR 585401
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SRI SUDHARSHAN M., ADV FOR R6)

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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

Petitioners are before this Court in this petition with a prayer to quash the impugned notice dated 18.03.2026 issued by the Regional Commissioner for holding elections to the post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of respondent No.4-City Corporation and also to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to determine the roster applicable to the post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor as per Section 10(1-A) of the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, 1976. In WP No. 201382/2026, additional



prayers are made to quash the communication dated 16.03.2026, which provides for extension of the tenure of counsellors for the remaining period of 30 months and a writ of mandamus is also sought against respondents to hold elections to the larger urban area notified for Bidar Mahanagar Palike, as per Section 501(C) of Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 (herein after referred to as 'the Act 1976').

2. Learned AAG submits that under the notification dated 15.04.2025, then Bidar Municipal Town Municipality and 16 other villages from neighbouring 6 Gram Panchayats were declared as a larger urban area in exercise of powers under Section 501(C) of the Act, 1976 and as per Sub-section 2 of Section 501(C), elections to the Bidar City Corporation was required to be held within a period of 6 months from the date of declaration i.e. from 15.04.2025. Since the elections were not held within the aforesaid period, the State Government has now issued a notification dated 22.04.2026 in exercise of its powers



under Section 509 of the Act, 1976, appointing an Administrator to the Bidar City Corporation, till the next elected body comes into existence for Bidar City Corporation. Copy of the notification dated 22.04.2026, under which Administrator has now been appointed to the Bidar City Corporation has been produced by the learned AAG, which is taken on record.

3. In view of the aforesaid, the relief sought for in the writ petitions do not survive for consideration and accordingly, the writ petitions are ***disposed of***.

4. Section 100 of the Act, 1976, which provides for power to appoint Administrator specifically states that period of Administrator shall not exceed 6 months from the date of his appointment and it is therefore needless to state that the administrator now appointed shall hold elections to the administrative body of the Bidar City



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Corporation within a period of 6 months from the date of
his appointment.

Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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