



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. 201367 OF 2026 (CS-EL/M)

C/W

WRIT PETITION NO. 201370 OF 2026 (CS-EL/M)

IN WP No. 201367/2026:

BETWEEN:

GOUDAPPA S/O NAGAPPA JALIHAL,
AGE: 54 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O VIRUPAPUR, TQ. SINDHANUR,
DIST. RAICHUR-584128.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. JAYANANDAYYA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR
OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND DISTRICT
ELECTION OFFICER, RAICHUR,
DIST. RAICHUR-584101.
2. THE DEPTUY DIRECTOR
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, RAICHUR,
DIST. RAICHUR-584101.
3. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, SINDHANUR,
DIST. RAICHUR-584101.



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4. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
MILK PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY
VIRUPAPUR, TQ. SINDHANUR,
DIST. RAICHUR- 584128.
5. THE RETURNING OFFICER,
MILK PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY
VIRUPAPUR, SINDHANUR, DIST. RAICHUR- 584128

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA FOR R1 TO R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO CALL FOR RECORDS AND ISSUE A) ISSUE WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION DATED 23.03.2026 ANNEXURE-D AND NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE ELECTIONS OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETY. B) ISSUE ANY WRIT OR ORDERS OR DIRECTIONS AS THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

IN WP NO. 201370/2026:

BETWEEN:

VEERABHADRAGOUDA
S/O VEERANAGOUDA METI,
AGE: 42 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O VIRUPARU, TQ. SINDHANUR,
DIST. RAICHUR-584128.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. JAYANANDAYYA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,



RAICHUR, DIST. RAICHUR- 584101.

2. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, RAICHUR,
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VIRUPAPUR, SINDHANUR, DIST. RAICHUR-584128.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA FOR R1 TO R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO, A) ISSUE WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION DATED 20-03-2026 ANNEXURE-D. B) ISSUE ANY WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTIONS AS THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

THESE PETITIONS, 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 these two writ petitions with a prayer to issue a writ of mandamus directing respondents to consider their representations at Annexure-D dated 23.03.2026 and 20.03.2026 respectively and not to proceed with the elections of the Co-operative Society.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Government Advocate, who is directed to take notice for respondent Nos.1 to 3.

3. A perusal of the material on record would go to show that the Returning Officer has already issued the calendar of events for holding the election to the post of Board of Directors of respondent No.4-society and the elections are scheduled to be held on 27.03.2026 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Hon'ble Apex Court in the cases of ***Mohinder Singh Gill v. Chief Election Commissioner, (1978) 1 SCC 405*** and ***N.P.Pannuswami v. Returning Officer, Namakkal***



Constituency, Namakkal, Salem Dist. and Ors., AIR 1952 SC 64 has observed that once the calendar of events is published, the Courts shall not interfere with the election process, unless exceptional circumstances are found.

4. In the case on hand, no such exceptional circumstances are found to interfere with the election, after the calendar of events has been published. If, the petitioners are aggrieved by the procedural irregularity in holding the election, it is always open for them to question the election by filing appropriate election petition.

5. Under the circumstances, I do not find any good ground to entertain this petition. Accordingly, petition is ***dismissed.***

**Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE**

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