



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 201616 OF 2026 (S-TR)

BETWEEN:

MELIKERI BABU SUBHASH
AGE 47 YEARS,
WORKING AS ENVIRONMENT ENGINEER
AT KALABURAGI MAHANAGAR PALIKE
R/O PLOT NO.50, KOTNOOR (D)
TREASURY LAYOUT,
KALABURAGI 585102

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI REVANASIDDAPPA JAGADEVAPPA BHUSARE,
ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
M.S.BUILDING, BANGALORE 01
REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
2. THE DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
BANGALORE -01
3. THE COMMISSIONER
KALABURAGI MAHANAGARA PALIKE
JAGAT CIRCLE, KALABURAGI 585102





...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA FOR R1 AND R2)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO, A) QUASH THE TRANSFER ORDER PASSED BY THE 1st RESPONDENT DATED 13.04.2026 BEARING NO.ನೃಇ 33 ಇಎಂಸಿ 2026(ಇ) PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-A IN RESPECT OF PETITIONER SERIAL NO.14 IS CONCERNED; B) PASS SUCH OTHER INTERIM ORDER OR ORDERS AS DEEMED IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Advocate on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2.

2. Petitioner is before this Court under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India seeking for the following reliefs:

"a) Quash the transfer order passed by the 1st respondent dated 13.04.2026 bearing No. .ನೃಇ 33 ಇಎಂಸಿ 2026(ಇ) produced at Annexure-A in respect of petitioner Serial No.14 is concerned;



b) Pass such other interim order or orders as deemed in the circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity."

3. It is the case of the petitioner that he has been prematurely transferred and as a result of the said premature transfer, education of his daughter who is studying in second PUC is also likely to be disturbed.

4. *Per contra*, learned Additional Government Advocate, who has appeared on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2, submits that impugned order at Annexure-A has been passed taking into consideration the order passed by the National Green Tribunal and also for administrative reasons. He submits that as many as 24 officers of Municipal Administration have been now transferred vide the order impugned. Accordingly, he prays to dismiss the petition.

5. Material on record would go to show that petitioner's services were handed over to Municipal Corporation under a notification dated 26.07.2024 for a period of two years and pursuant to the said order it appears that petitioner was posted as an Environment Engineer at Kalaburagi Municipal Corporation. His two years' period is likely to expire in the



month of July, 2026. Taking consideration of certain orders passed by the National Green Tribunal and also having regard to the administrative reasons the competent authority vide the impugned order has transferred as many as 24 officers of Municipal Administration to various other Municipalities/ Municipal Corporations. Since the petitioner has only three more months of service in the post which he is now holding and if the petitioner is required to be transferred immediately after he completing the said two years of period from 26.07.2024, it would be in the midst of the academic year and thereby the education of the petitioner's children is likely to be disturbed. Therefore, I am of the opinion that the impugned order at Annexure-A dated 13.04.2026 passed by respondent No.2 transferring the petitioner from Kalaburagi Municipal Corporation to Mudgal town Municipal, Raichur District does not call for any interference, more so, for the reason that the said order has been passed for administrative reasons and also taking into consideration the orders passed by the National Green Tribunal wherein directions are issued to fill up the vacant posts of Environment Engineers at Municipality levels.



Under the circumstances, I do not find any merit in this writ petition. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

The Writ Petition is ***dismissed***.

Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

SWK
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 28