



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 201707 OF 2026 (GM-R/C)

BETWEEN:

SRI. UDAYAKUMAR POOJARI
S/O MALLIKARJUN POOJARI,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
OCC: ARCHAKA OF HULIGEMMA TEMPLE,
R/O. NEAR SHANKARLINGA TEMPLE, AROLI VILLAGE,
TQ. MANVI, DIST RAICHUR.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. ARUNKUMAR AMARGUNDAPPA.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE COMMISSIONER
HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND CHARITABLE
ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT,
ALURU VENKAT RAO ROAD,
NEAR CENTRAL POLICE STATION, CHAMARAJPET,
BENGALURU-560 018.
2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
RAICHUR, DIST. RAICHUR-584 101.
3. THE TAHASHILDAR
MANVI, TQ. MANVI, DIST. RAICHUR-584 123.
4. SRI. RAJU POOJARI S/O HULIGEPPA POOJARI,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.





5. SMT. SUDHAMMA W/O KRISHNAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, OCC: HOUSEHOLD.
6. SRI. JAMADAGNI POOJARI S/O HULIGEPPA POOJARI,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.
7. SRI. SOOGURAPPA POOJARI S/O HULIGEPPA
POOJARI, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS,
OCC: AGRICULTURE,

RESP.NO.4 TO 7 ARE R/O NEAR SHANKARLINGA
TEMPLE, AROLI VILLAGE, KURDI HOBLI, TQ MANVI,
DIST RAICHUR-584 203.

8. SRI. SHEKARAPPA S/O MUNIYAPPA POOJARI,
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.
9. SRI. TIMMAPPA S/O SHEKARAPPA POOJARI,
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.
10. SRI. BALARAJU S/O NALLAREDDY,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.
11. SRI. SURESH S/O NARASINGAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.
12. SRI. NARASAPPA S/O RAMANNA,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.
13. SRI. KRISHNAPPA S/O HULIGEPPA DONGOOR,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE.

RESP.8 TO 13 ARE R/O AROLI VILLAGE, NEAR
HULIGEMMA TEMPLE, KURDI HOBLI,
TQ MANVI, DIST RAICHUR-584 203

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. MALLIKARUN SAHUKAR, AGA FOR R1 TO R3;
SRI JAYANANDAYYA, ADV FOR R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R12
AND R13)



THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO-
ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE FOR CERTIORARI AND GRANT
ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS A)
QUASH THE IMPUGNED OFFICE MEMORANDUM DATED
21.04.2026 BEARING NO. COMP 13253/DC-RCR-
END/12/10/2017-18, ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT NO. 2 VIDE
ANNEXURE-G INsofar AS IT CONCERN TO RESPONDENT NO.
8 TO 13 HEREIN B) SUCH FURTHER ORDER OTHER RELIEFS BE
GRANTED TO THE PETITIONER TO WHICH THE PETITIONER
WOULD BE FOUND ENTITLED TO ON THE FACTS AND
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

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

This writ petition is filed under Articles 226 and 227
of the Constitution of India with a prayer to quash the
office memorandum dated 21.04.2026 bearing No.COMP
13253/DC-RCR-END/12/10/2017-18 issued by respondent
No.2 vide Annexure-G, insofar as it relates to respondent
Nos.8 to 13 herein.

2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

3. Material on record would go to show that there
is dispute between the private parties to this writ petition



with regard to their respective rights of performing pooja and other rituals in "Huligemma Devi" temple, Aroli village, Tq. Manvi, Dist. Raichur. The Deputy Commissioner having taken note of the aforesaid dispute between the parties and also the orders passed by this Court in the earlier round of litigation between the parties, has now passed the order dated 21.04.2026 vide Annexure-G, making temporary arrangement for the purpose of performing pooja and other rituals in the aforesaid temple for the period from 21.04.2026 to 05.10.2026. Aggrieved by the same, petitioner is before this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel, who has filed Vakalath on behalf of some of the contesting private respondents jointly submit that the parties are ready and willing to abide by the terms of the order impugned in this writ petition and they shall perform pooja and rituals as per the schedule mentioned in the order impugned.



5. Learned Additional Government Advocate submits that in the event parties to this writ petition are not willing to abide by the terms of the impugned order/office memorandum, the Deputy Commissioner shall name independent Archakas for performing the pooja and other rituals in the aforesaid temple. Since, the petitioner and contesting private parties, who have appeared before the Court have filed affidavit and memos undertaking to abide by the terms and conditions found in the order impugned and also to perform pooja and other rituals in the aforesaid temple strictly as per the schedule mentioned in the order impugned, I am of the opinion that this writ petition can be disposed of placing on record the affidavit and memos, which are in nature of undertaking submitted by the private parties to this writ petition.

6. Accordingly, I pass the following:



ORDER

- i. The writ petition is ***disposed of*** and the affidavit of the petitioner as well as the affidavit and memos of the contesting private respondents, who have entered appearance before this Court in this writ petition are placed on record.
- ii. The petitioner as well as the private parties to this writ petition shall strictly abide by the terms and conditions found in the order impugned and they shall perform the pooja and other rituals strictly in accordance with the schedule mentioned in the order/ office memorandum at Annexure –G.
- iii. If the temple has been closed by the authorities concerned in view of the dispute between the parties, the concerned authorities shall forthwith open the temple to



enable the parties to perform pooja and other
rituals as aforesaid.

Sd/-
(S.VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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List No.: 1 Sl No.: 9