



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

AND

THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 202489 OF 2024 (S-KAT)

BETWEEN:

SRI. PRAHALADH BIJJUR S/O SRI BIJJUR
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
JUNIOR ENGINEER (RETIRED ON 31.05.2024)
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER
SUB-DIVISION, KUSTAGI KOPPAL DISTRICT,
R/A: NO.13, NEAR MOTHER WATER TANK,
KALABURAGI ROAD, LINGASUGUR TALUK – 584 122.
RAICHUR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI.R.NAVEEN KUMAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
VIKASA SOUDHA DR.AMBEDKAR BEEDHI,
BENGALURU – 560 001.
2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY ITS SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF MINOR IRRIGATION AND
GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
VIKASA SOUDHA DR. AMBEDKAR BEEDHI,
BANGALORE – 560 001.
3. DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY AND
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER





DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
VIKASA SOUDHA, DR. AMBEDKAR BEEDHI
BENGALURU – 560 001.

4. THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
MINOR IRRIGATION (NORTH)
JALANAGAR, VIJAYAPURA – 586 109.
5. THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
COMMUNICATION AND BUILDINGS (SOUTH),
K.R.CIRCLE, BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT.MAYA T.R., HCGP)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 05.07.2024 MADE IN A.NO.20057/2023 C/W A.NO.20218/2023 ON THE FILE OF KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL KALABURAGI (ANNEXURE-A) INsofar AS PETITIONER IS CONCERNED AND TO QUASH G.O.NO.LO.E.45 SE.E.V.2022 DATED 06.12.2022 PRODUCED AS ANNEXURE A-18 IN ANNEXURE-B PASSED BY 1ST RESPONDENT IN THE WRIT PETITION BY FULLY ALLOWING A.NO.20057/2023 FILED BY PETITIONER BY DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONTINUE THE PETITIONER AS JUNIOR ENGINEER IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ
and
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)

1. The petitioner is before the Court seeking for the following reliefs:



- i. To call for records in A.No.20057/2023 C/w A.No.20218/2023 on the file of Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal, Kalaburagi.*
 - ii. To Set aside the order dated 05.07.2024 made in A.No.20057/2023 c/w A.No.20218/2023 on the file of Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal, Kalaburagi (Annexure-A) insofar as petitioner is concerned and to quash G.O.No.Lo.E.45 Se.E.V.2022 dated 06.12.2022 produced as Annexure A-18 in Annexure-B passed by 1st respondent in the writ petition by fully allowing A.No.20057/2023 filed by petitioner by directing the respondents to continue the petitioner as Junior Engineer in the interest of justice and equity.*
 - iii. Grant such other relief or reliefs as this Honorable Court deems fit to grant in the circumstances of the case in the interest of justice and equity.*
2. A similar issue arising out of the very same enquiry has been dealt with by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 26.02.2026 in W.P.No.203247/2024. In the present matter, admittedly, the petitioner is still in service. Thus, the reasoning in the above order would be equally applicable to the present matter. As such, we pass the following:

ORDER

- i. The writ petition is ***allowed***.



- ii. The impugned order dated 06.12.2022 passed by respondent No.1 vide Annexure-A18 in Annexure-B, is quashed.
- iii. The Order dated 05.07.2022 passed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal in A.No.20057/2023 vide Annexure-A is set aside.
- iv. The respondents are directed to conduct a fresh enquiry against the petitioner in accordance with Rule 13 of the KCS(CCA) Rules, 1957 by framing appropriate charges and providing adequate opportunity to the petitioner by following the principles of natural justice and complete the enquiry within a period of six months from today.

**Sd/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE**

**Sd/-
(DR.CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA)
JUDGE**

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