



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA**

**KALABURAGI BENCH**

**DATED THIS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026**

**PRESENT**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.NATARAJ**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 200565 OF 2023 (S-KAT)**

**BETWEEN:**

1. THE REGISTRAR,  
KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA,  
M.S. BUILDING, BANGALORE – 560 001.
2. THE ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR OF ENQUIRIES -11  
KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTHA,  
M.S. BUILDING, BANGALORE – 560 001.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI SUBHASH MALLAPUR, ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. ABDUL RASHEED  
S/O LATE ABDUL QADEER,  
AGE : 57 YEARS,  
OCC: DRIVER, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL  
TRANSPORT OFFICER, BHALKI,  
BIDAR – 585 328.
2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,  
REPTD. Y ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT,  
M.S. BUILDING, BANGALORE – 560 001.

...RESPONDENTS





(BY SRI RAVI B.PATIL, ADVOCATE FOR R1)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN NATURE OF CERTIORARI AND QUASH THE ORDER DATED 24.02.2022 PASSED BY THE KARNATAKA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL IN KALABURAGI APPLICATION NO.20187/2020 VIDE ANNEXURE-B AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.NATARAJ  
and  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY

**ORAL ORDER**

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.NATARAJ)

The petitioners have challenged an order dated 24.02.2022 passed by the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (hereinafter referred to as 'the Tribunal' for short), Kalaburagi in Application No.20187/2020.

2. The respondent No.1 was working at RTO check-post, Humnabad, Bidar District as a driver. When the petitioners conducted a raid, it was found that the respondent No.1 was in possession of an unaccounted sum of Rs.1,700/- and hence, initiated proceedings and



submitted a report under Section 12(3) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 following which the State Government proposed to conduct an enquiry and handed over the same to the petitioners under Rule 14-A of the Karnataka Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules. The State Government entrusted the enquiry to the petitioners following which articles of charge were framed. The respondent No.1 challenged the same before the Tribunal, which in terms of the impugned order, allowed the application and quashed the entrustment order as well as the order framing charges.

3. Being aggrieved by the same, the petitioners are before this Court.

4. The issue with regard to the locus standi of the petitioners to challenge the order passed by the Tribunal was considered by this Court in WP No.201738/2021 and connected petitions. This Court had categorically held that the petitioners have no locus standi to challenge the



orders passed by the Tribunal and that, if any person is aggrieved, it is only the State Government.

5. In view of the above, the petitioners lack locus standi to challenge the order passed by the Tribunal. Accordingly, the writ petition stands ***dismissed***.

**Sd/-  
(R.NATARAJ)  
JUDGE**

**Sd/-  
(TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY)  
JUDGE**

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