



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
KALABURAGI BENCH**

**DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026
BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP SINGH YERUR
WRIT PETITION NO.203205 OF 2024 (CS-EL/M)**

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. K. SRINIVAS
AGE ABOUT 56 YEARS, OCC: MEMBER,
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
AMARESHWAR CAMP. TQ. MANVI.
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP, TQ. MANVI,
DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.
2. SRI. NAGENDRA PRASAD K.
S/O NAGESHWAR RAO
AGE ABOUT 34 YEARS, OCC: MEMBER,
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, AMARESHWAR CAMP,
TQ. MANVI. R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP,
HIRE KOTANKAL, TQ. MANVI,
DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.
3. A. RAMAKRISHNA
S/O ACHYUTARAMAYYA,
AGE ABOUT 49 YEARS, OCC: MEMBER,
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI. R/O NEAR VENKATESHWAR TEMPLE,
AMARESHWAR CAMP, TQ. MANVI,
DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.
4. SRI. M.PRAKASH
S/O M. SATYNARAYAN

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AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI. R/O HIRE KOTANKAL,
AMARESHWAR CAMP,
TQ. MANVI, DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. R.J.BHUSARE, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION,
M.S. BUILDING, BENGALURU-560001.
2. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, RAICHUR.
3. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES,
RAICHUR DISTRICT
4. THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, RAICHUR.
5. THE RETURNING OFFICER
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
AMARESHWAR CAMP. TQ. MANVI.
DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.
6. AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
AMARESHWAR CAMP. TQ. MANVI.
DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.
REP. BY SECRETARY.
7. SRI. C.H.DHARMAYYA S/O VEERAJU,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.12)



AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP. TQ.MANVI.
DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.

8. A. RAMAKRISHNA S/O POLLARAO
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.52)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI, DISTRICT RAICHUR-584123.
9. C. H. SURYANARAYAN
S/O CHINNARAMAYYA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC:MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.34)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP. TQ.MANVI.
DISTRICT RAICHUR- 584123.
10. C. H. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
S/O CHINNARAMAYYA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.35)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
11. K. SURYANARAYAN
S/O VENKAT SUBBARAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.56)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
12. K. SUSHEELA
W/O K. SATYANARAYAN,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.134)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.



TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.

13. C. H. BALARAM MURTHY
S/O SATYANARAYAN,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.138)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
14. T. SATYANRAYAN S/O SURYA RAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.142)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
15. K. SHESHARATNAM
W/O K.V. V. SATYANARAYAN,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO. 156)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
16. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO
S/O SHESHAGIRI RAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.159)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
17. T. TRIMURTHY S/O SURYARAN,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.176)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI, DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.



18. C. H. SATYANARAYAN
S/O SUBBAORAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.227)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
19. G. GOPAL KRISHNAMURTHY S/O SURYARAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.226)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
20. M. LOKAYYA S/O MUTTAYYA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.244)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
21. K. VENKATRAO S/O RUDRAYYA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.362)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
22. G. SURIBABU S/O RAMRAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.380)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
23. A. SRINIVASU S/O A. POLLURAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.381)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,



R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.

24. K. RAMAKRISHNA
S/O K. SATYANARAYAN,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.424)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
25. K. SURYA PRABHAVATI W/O K. RAMBAJU
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.429)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
26. C. H. VENKATLAKSHMI
W/O BALARAM MURTHY,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.430)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
27. G.DHANALAKSHMI W/O G.DHANAPATI,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.443)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
28. C. H. NAGARATNAM S/O SATYANARAYAN
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER (MEMBERSHIP NO.445)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.



29. E.RANI W/O E.SATYANARAYAN,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.447)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
30. G.LAKSMIDEVI W/O G.RAMRAO,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO. 477)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
31. G. SATYNARAYAN S/O G. SHESHAYYA
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.514)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
32. N. MALLIKARJUN GOUDA
S/O AYYANGOUDA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.518)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.
TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.
33. NARSAMMA
W/O BASAWARAJ AROLI,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: MEMBER
(MEMBERSHIP NO.532)
AMARESHWAR CAMP MILK PRODUCERS
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY,
R/O AMARESHWAR CAMP.



TQ. MANVI DISTRICT RAICHUR 584123.

34. G. SATYANARANA S/O SURYARAO,
AGE: 56 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O AMARESHWARA CAMP,
POST HIREKOTNEKAL-584123.
TQ. MANVI, DIST. RAICHUR.
(AMENDED V/O DATED 10.01.2025)

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. ARCHANA P. TIWARI, AAG A/W
SRI. MALLIKARJUN SAHUKAR, AGA FOR R1 TO R4;
SRI. B. BHIMASHANKAR, ADVOCATE FOR R5 & R6;
SRI. RISHIKESH M. KOTTURSHETTAR, ADV. FOR R34;
R7 TO R33 SERVED)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS WRIT PETITION AND ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION TO A) QUASH THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS DATED 09.11.2024 ISSUED BY THE 5TH RESPONDENT PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-G. B) QUASH THE FINAL VOTER LIST ISSUED BY 6TH RESPONDENT DATED 04.11.2024 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-F IN RESPECT OF RESPONDENT NO.7 TO 33 IS CONCERNED.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP SINGH YERUR



ORAL ORDER

The petitioners have filed the present petition seeking the following reliefs:

"A. Quash the calendar of events dated 09.11.2024 issued by the 5th respondent produced at Annexure-G.

B) Quash the final voter list issued by the 6th respondent dated 04.11.2024 produced at Annexure-F in respect of respondent Nos.7 to 33 is concerned.

C) Pass such other orders as may be appropriate in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the ends of justice and equity."

2. Petitioners claim to be the members of respondent No.6 Society, namely Amareshwar Camp Milk Producers Co-operative Society, Amareshwar Camp, Manvi Taluk, Raichur District, registered under the provisions of Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959 (for short, 'the Act'). The Society has a Managing Committee of 12 members including the President, Vice President and 11



Directors. The petitioners are the shareholders and members of the respondent No.6-Society.

3. As per clause 29 of the By-law of the respondent No.6-Society, the members of the society should supply milk to society and if a member did not comply the condition stipulated in clause 29 and if he remained absent from 3 General Body Meetings out of 5 meetings, he is not eligible to cast his vote in the election and every member of the Society is required to utilize the benefits/business transaction of the Society, minimum two years failing which he is not eligible to cast vote in the election. It is contended that respondent Nos.7 to 33 have not at all attended a single General Body Meeting. The respondent-Society on 04.11.2024 issued final voter list. It is submitted that respondent No.7 issued calendar of events on 09.11.2024 to hold election. As per the calendar of events, the last date for filing of nomination was on 22.11.2024; last date for withdrawal of nomination



was on 24.11.2024 and Elections were scheduled to be conducted on 29.11.2024.

4. The petitioners being aggrieved of inclusion of names of respondent Nos.7 to 33 in the voters list and issuance of calendar of events are before this Court. Vide interim order dated 25.11.2024, this Court permitted respondent Nos.7 to 33 to vote and participate in the elections scheduled to be conducted on 29.11.2024, however, it was subject to further orders of this Court and the final outcome of this petition and the same would not affect the petitioners or cause any prejudice to the rights of the petitioners.

5. Learned Additional Government Advocate representing the State contends that the present petition itself is not maintainable as there is an alternative and efficacious remedy available under Section 70 of the Act for the petitioners in case of any dispute arises with regard to the election process. Hence, he seeks dismissal of the petition.



6. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Government Advocate for respondents, I am of the opinion that this Court in several judgments have pronounced that any challenge made to the Election process or Management of the Co-operative Society, the petitioners would be entitled to raise a dispute under Section 70 of the Act. Therefore, in view of the judgments of this Court in the case of ***Rajeshkar and Ors. v. The State of Karnataka and Ors.***[2025:KHC-K:6054] and ***Sri B Ganganna and Ors. v. The State of Karnataka and Ors.*** [ILR 2024 KAR 1901], which also dealt with Section 70 of the Act, I do not find any good ground or cogent reason to interfere in this matter. In the present case on hand, the same having not done so, it may not be appropriate for this Court to intervene in the election process once it has already begun. Now it is submitted that the elections are concluded and results are declared, nothing further more remains in this writ petition to be considered. It is open to the petitioners to approach



the Registrar under Section 70 of the Act. Accordingly, the petitioners have not made out a case for interference by this Court.

7. Accordingly, I pass the following:

ORDER

i. This petition is ***disposed of***, reserving liberty to the petitioners to approach the appropriate forum for redressal of their grievance. In view of the fact that elections which were scheduled on 29.11.2024 had already been concluded and the results are declared, it is for the petitioners to approach the appropriate forum as stated hereinabove by raising a dispute under Section 70 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, if they are so aggrieved or advised.

ii. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the



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matter. All contentions urged by the petitioners are kept open to be addressed and urged before the appropriate forum.

Sd/-
(PRADEEP SINGH YERUR)
JUDGE

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