



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,

KALABURAGI BENCH

DATED THIS THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T.NARENDRA PRASAD

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO.200238 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

SRI. RAHUL S/O SHARANAPPA,
AGE: 45 YEARS,
W/AS CLERK CUM DATA ENTRY OPERATOR,
MANNALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT,
R/O. OF MANHALLI,
DIST. BIDAR-585 447.

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI. MAHESH PATIL, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. SMT. UMA MAHADEVAN [IAS],
THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PANCHAYATHRAJ,
M. S. BUILDING,
BENGALURU-560 001.
2. SMT. ARUNDATHI CHANDRASHEKAR [IAS],
THE COMMISSIONER,
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PANCHAYATHRAJ,
K. G. ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001.



3. DR. GIRISH DILIP BIDOLE (IAS),
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
ZILLA PANCHAYATH,
BIDAR-585 401.
4. SRI. MANIK RAO PATIL,
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
TALUK PANCHAYATH,
TQ. AND DIST. BIDAR-585 401.
5. SRI. KANAKRAO,
THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
MANNALI GRAM PANCHAYATH,
TQ. AND DIST. BIDAR-585 403.
6. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PANCHAYATHRAJ,
M.S. BUILDING, BENGALURU – 560 001.

...ACCUSED

(SRI KRUPA SAGAR PATIL, ADV. FOR R3;
SRI MANURE ASHOK KUMAR, ADV. FOR R5;
SMT. MAYA T.R., HCGP FOR R6;
R1, R2 & R4 ARE DISPENSED WITH)

THIS CCC FILED U/SECS. 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT R/W ARTICLE 215 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO INITIATE CONTEMPT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED FOR HAVING COMMITTED CONTEMPT OF COURT IN NOT IMPLEMENTING THE INTERIM ORDER DATED 20.03.2025 AT ANNEXURE-A PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WRIT PETITION NO.200844/2025, THEREFORE, THE ACCUSED MAY BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND FURTHER BE PLEASED TO AWARD COST OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

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



CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T.NARENDRA PRASAD
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T.NARENDRA PRASAD)

This contempt petition is filed for non-compliance of order dated 20.03.2025 passed in W.P.No.200844/2025.

The operative portion of the said order reads as under:

"ORDER

Learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Learned counsel Sri Krupa Sagar Patil accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.3.

Petitioner shall implead Sri George, who is likely to be affected in case the relief is granted to the petitioner, as respondent No.6.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was working in Mannalli Gram Panchayat and he was transferred to Sundhal Gram Panchayat temporarily and later he was transferred to Mannalli Gram Panchayat in terms of order dated 18.09.2021 passed by the Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Panchayat, Bidar. Despite this, the petitioner is not given the charge in Mannalli Gram Panchayat. It is further stated that though there was no agenda relating to the petitioner, an agenda has been subsequently introduced by the Panchayat Development Officer, Mannalli and in the said meeting, the petitioner is said to have been



terminated from service and no order of termination is communicated to the petitioner. It is further stated that no enquiry is held before terminating the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further makes a statement that the petitioner is willing to work within the district where there is vacancy.

Under these circumstances, till further orders the petitioner shall be accommodated in any place in a Grama Panchayat in Bidar, if there is a vacancy for the post which he was holding.

5th respondent - Panchayat Development Officer shall file affidavit as to how the petitioner is terminated from service without holding any enquiry. He shall also file affidavit furnishing explanation as to how agenda No.3 which was not there in the original agenda is inserted subsequently.

List this matter along with W.P.No.202242/2024, on 02.04.2025."

2. Learned counsel appeal for respondent No.3 submits that pursuant to the direction of this Court passed on 20.03.2023, 3rd respondent has directed 5th respondent to continue the services of the complainant in Mannalli Gram Panchayata pursuant to the order passed by this Court. However, despite the said direction, 5th respondent has not obeyed the directions issued by the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat. Thereafter, as the 5th



respondent has failed to comply, one more order has been passed on 13.10.2025, posting the complainant to a vacant post at Barur Gram Panchayat, Tq. & Dist. Bidar Taluk as Clerk-cum-Data Entry Operator.

3. In view of the above, the contempt petition does not survive for consideration and accordingly the contempt proceedings are dropped.

4. Pursuant to the order dated 13.10.2025, if the complainant/petitioner is not permitted to continue to work as Clerk-cum-Data Entry Operator in Barur Gram Panchayat, liberty is reserved to the complainant to file an application for revival of the contempt petition.

5. It submitted by respondent No.3 that since respondent No.5 – Panchayat Development Officer has not complied the directions, show cause notice on 16.10.2025 has been issued to respondent No.3.



6. It is made clear that the disposal of present contempt petition will not come in the way of respondent No.3 - Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bidar to take action against respondent No.5 - Panchayat Development Officer in accordance with law

Sd/-
(H.T.NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY)
JUDGE

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