



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

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.NATARAJ

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TYAGARAJA N. INAVALLY

WRIT APPEAL NO.200014 OF 2026 (LR)

BETWEEN:

SHRI. BHIKU LAMANI S/O REKHU LAMANI,
AGE: 80 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA - 586 203.

...APPELLANT

(BY SRI. KOUJALAGI CHANDRAKANTH LAXMAN, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY IT'S SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, M. S. BUILDING,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
SUB DIVISION, VIJAYAPURA-586 101.
3. MAILKAR YAMANAGI BHAGAVANT
AGE:MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
4. SHIVAJI BHAGAVANT,
AGE:MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
5. PRABHAKAR BHAGAVANT,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,





R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.

6. VIJAYKUMAR S/O BASAPPA MAILKAR,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
7. SMT. KASHIBAI W/O KALLAPPA BADIGER,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
8. SMT. SARSWATI HONAPPA SUNGAR,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
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9. SMT. BHAGYA W/O BASAPPA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
10. SMT. SHATVAKKA W/O RAJASHEKHAR,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
11. SMT. SHETWAVVA W/O BASAPPA MAILKAR,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
12. PRAHALAD W/O YAMANADI MAILKAR,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
13. SANTOSH S/O YAMANADI MAILKAR,
AGE: MAJOR, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. UPPALDINNI, TQ. BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
14. THE TAHASILDAR,
BASAVANA BAGEWADI,
TQ., BASAVANA BAGEWADI,



DIST. VIJAYAPURA-586 203.
(ORIGINAL RESPONDENTS IN WP)

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. MAYA T.R., HCGP FOR R1 & R2)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/SEC.4 OF THE HIGH COURT ACT, PRAYING TO A) CALL FOR THE RECORDS. B) TO SET ASIDE THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED:20.08.2025 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.201471/2025 (LR) BY ALLOWING THIS WRIT APPEAL AND ETC.

THIS APPEAL, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

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

ORAL JUDGMENT

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

The appellant has challenged an order dated 20.08.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge in WP No.201471/2025.

2. The appellant had filed Writ Petition No.201471/2025 challenging an order dated 18.10.2000 passed by the Land Tribunal granting occupancy rights only in respect of a portion of the land bearing Sy.No.192 of Uppaldini village, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk, Vijayapur District.

3. The appellant filed Form No.7 claiming occupancy rights in respect of the aforesaid land. The Land Tribunal passed an order dated 18.10.2000 granting occupancy rights



only in respect of 2 acres 5 guntas and forfeited 4 acres 19 guntas to the State, and directed that the forfeited land be distributed under Section 77 of the Karnataka Land reforms Act, 1961 (for short 'the Act, 1961'). Being aggrieved by the order of the Land Tribunal, the appellant filed the aforesaid writ petition after nearly 20 years from the date of the order. The learned Single Judge in terms of an order dated 20.08.2025 dismissed the writ petition on the ground of inordinate delay. Being aggrieved by the said order, the appellant is before this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the appellant had handed over the papers to the advocate and that the advocate had failed to file the writ petition in time.

5. We have considered the submissions of the learned counsel for the appellant. We have also perused the order passed by the learned Single Judge as well as the order passed by the Tribunal.

6. The appellant claimed occupancy rights in respect of 6 acres 24 guntas of the land in Sy.No.192 of Uppaldini village. The Tribunal granted occupancy rights to an extent of 2



acres 5 guntas and forfeited 4 acres 19 guntas to the State and directed distribution of the forfeited land to the landless under Section 77 of the Act, 1961. The appellant has challenged this order after 20 years without explaining the reason for the delay in approaching this Court. The reason mentioned by the appellant is apparently not satisfactory, as the appellant could not have sat tight for 20 years without taking any action, even if the papers were handed over to the advocate and even if the advocate had failed to file the writ petition in time.

7. In that view of the matter, we do not consider this to be a fit case to disturb the orders passed by the learned Single Judge as well as the Land Tribunal.

8. Hence, the writ appeal stands ***dismissed***.

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

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