



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. 200300 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. SRI PAMPAYYA SALIMATH
S/O SHADAKSHARAYYA,
AGE 40 YEARS, OCCU-PRESIDENT
SINDANUR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O BASAVA JYOTHI NILAYA,
NGO COLONY, KUSTIGI ROAD,
SINDANUR, TQ: SINDANUR,
DIST: RAICHUR-584 128.
2. SRI. MAHANTESH BYALI,
S/O MALLAPPA,
AGE 43 YEARS, OCCU-PRESIDENT
MASKI TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O WARD NO-14, MASKI,
TQ: MASKI, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 124.
3. SRI. SURESH HIRA,
S/O BASALINGAPPA,
AGE- 40 YEARS, OCCU-PRESIDENT
SIRWAR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O R.K. COMPLEX, LINGASUGURU ROAD,
SIRWAR, TQ: SIRWAR,
DIST: RAICHUR - 584 129.
4. SRI. MALLIKARJUN GOUDOOR,
S/O SHARANAPPA GOUDOOR,
AGE 48 YEARS, OCCU-PRESIDENT





LINGASUGUR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O R.K. NAGAR, LINGASUGURU ROAD,
MUDAGAL, TQ: LINGASUGURU,
DIST: RAICHUR - 584 122.

5. SRI. RAVI KUMAR PATIL,
S/O CHANDRANATH PATIL,
AGE: 45 YEARS, OCCU-PRESIDENT
MANVI TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O WARD NO.22, KASTURI RANGANTHA TEMPLE,
MANVI, TQ: MANVI, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 123.
6. SRI. VENKATESH BEVINABENCHI,
S/O TIPPAYYA,
AGE 45 YEARS, OCCU-PRESIDENT
RAICHUR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O BEVINABENCHI VILLAGE,
TQ: AND DIST: RAICHUR-584 101.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. ARUNKUMAR AMARGUNDAPPA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE PRESIDENT
KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
3RD FLOOR, PAMPA MAHAKAVI ROAD,
CHAMARJAPETE,
BENGALURU - 560 018.
2. SRI. RANGANNA PATIL AALLUNDI,
PRESIDENT,
JILLA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
KANNADA BHAVANA, BEHIND RANGAMANDIRA,
STATION ROAD, RAICHUR - 584 101.
3. SRI. H.F. MASKI,
AGE: MAJOR, OCCU-PRESIDENT
SINDANUR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O GANGAVATHI ROAD, SINDANUR,
TQ: SINADANUR, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 128.
4. SMT. VIDYAVATI,
AGE: MAJOR, OCCU-PRESIDENT



MASKI TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O NEAR DEPO, MASKI,
TQ: MASKI, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 124.

5. SRI. MONESH HANAGI,
AGE: MAJOR, OCCU-PRESIDENT
SIRWAR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O MANVI ROAD, SIRWAR,
TQ: SIRWAR, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 129.
6. SRI. DR. MAHADEVAPPA NAGARAL,
AGE MAJOR, OCCU-PRESIDENT
LINGASUGUR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O MUDUGAL ROAD, LINGASUGUR,
TQ: LINGASUGURU, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 122.
7. SRI. SHARANABASAVA,
AGE MAJOR, OCCU-PRESIDENT
MANVI TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O SINDANURU ROAD, MANVI,
TQ: MANVI, DIST: RAICHUR - 584 123.
8. DR. B. VIJAYANDRA,
AGE: MAJOR, OCCU-PRESIDENT
RAICHUR TALUKA KANNADA SAHITYA PARISHATTU,
R/O STATION ROAD, RAICHUR,
TQ: AND DIST: RAICHUR - 584 101.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. S.G.MATH, ADVOCATE FOR RESPONDENT NOS.2 TO 8;
NOTICE SERVED ON RESPONDENT NO.1)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE
KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT, PRAYING TO SET-ASIDE THE ORDER
DATED 04.11.2025 PASSED IN WP NO. 203336/2025 (GM-RES) BY
LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT,
CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION FILED BY THE
PETITIONERS/ APPELLANTS AS PRAYED, IN THE INTEREST OF
JUSTICE AND EQUITY.



THIS APPEAL, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, 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 appellants have challenged an order dated
04.11.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge in
WP.No.203336/2025.

2. The appellants claim to be members of the
respondent No.1, which is a society registered under the
provisions of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

3. The grievance of the appellants is that, in terms of
an order of appointment dated 22.09.2025, respondent Nos.2
to 8 were appointed as the Taluka Presidents of respondent
No.1. The appellants contend that the District President of
respondent No.1 had recommended their names as Presidents
of the Taluka Kannada Sahitya Parishattu of Raichur District,
but behind their back, respondent Nos.3 to 8 were appointed as
Taluka presidents. Therefore, the appellants challenged the said



order before the learned Single Judge. The learned Single Judge, in terms of the impugned order, relegated the appellants to the remedy available under Section 25 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. Being aggrieved by the said order, the appellants are before this Court.

4. The learned counsel for the appellants contended that respondent No.1 is an authority of the State, as it is receiving funds from the State Government, and therefore, the actions of respondent No.1 are amenable to scrutiny under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. He submits that respondent No.1 is performing a public duty of promoting Kannada language, and therefore, the order appointing respondent Nos.2 to 8 as the Taluka presidents has affected the functioning of the society in the Taluks. He contends that when large public interest is involved, this Court can entertain a writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. In support of this contention, he has relied upon the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in WA.No.100141/2020 dated 30.11.2020.



5. We have considered the submissions of the learned counsel for the appellants.

6. A writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is maintainable only against the State or its authorities as defined under Article 12 of the Constitution of India. For an authority to fall within the definition of a State, the State should exercise deep and pervasive control over such authority and mere provision of funds to such an authority of a State does not clothe it with the status.

7. In the case on hand, the dispute does not relate to public interest but is an intra-society dispute between the appellants and respondent Nos.2 to 8, who are office-bearers of respondent No.1. Therefore, as rightly held by the learned Single Judge, the dispute has to be worked out in proceedings before the District Registrar, as provided under Section 25 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

8. In that view of the matter, we do not see any error in the learned Single Judge relegating the appellants to the remedy of a proceeding under Section 25 of the Karnataka



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Societies Registration Act, 1960. Hence, the appeal is ***dismissed.*** It is made clear that if the appellants approach the authority under Section 25 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, their grievance shall be considered in accordance with law.

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

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

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