IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, DHARWAD BENCH

DATED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.G. PANDIT

WRIT PETITION Nos.106892-107100/2020(CS-EL/M)

BETWEEN:

1. Ramesh S/o Balachandra Soragavi

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 801

2. Girish S/o Balachandra Soragavi

Age: 36 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 140

3. Ravindra S/o Hanamappa Soragavi

Age: 51 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 179

4. Parmanand S/o Basappa Ninganur

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 259

5. Ningappa S/o Yamanappa B Patil

Age: 68 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 510

6. Yamanappa S/o Ningappa B Patil

Age: 42 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 511

7. Sattyawwa W/o Parmanand Ninganur

Age: 47 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

8. Mallappa S/o Lacchappa Rugi

Age: 43 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 726

9. Balappa S/o Balappa Ramadurga

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 790

10. Gurunath S/o Basayya Kayasanurmath

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 844

11. Uddappa S/o Adivyappa Dhoni

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 856

12. Siddalingeshwar S/o Paramanand Ninganur

Age: 30 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 875

13. Anand S/o Hanamappa B Patil

Age: 30 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1045

14. Siddappa S/o Yamunappa Ittannavar

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1047

15. Kasturiyavva W/o Hanamappa B Patil

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1079

16. Mahadevi W/o Ramesh B Patil

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1092

17. Shivalingeshwara S/o Parmanand Ninganur

Age: 28 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

18. Venkanagouda S/o Bharamagouda Hebasur

Age: 53 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 580

19. Ningappa S/o Kadappa B Patil

Age: 62 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 384

(Petitioners No 1 to 19 are all resident of Bidari Village Taluk Mudhol, District Bagalkot- 587301)

20. Dundappagouda S/o Hanamanthgouda Patil

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 452

21. Hanamanth S/o Basappa Mantur

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 55

22. Yallavva W/o Hanamanth Bulloji

Age: 41 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 131

23. Prakash S/o Siddappa Kalamadi

Age: 32 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 148

24. Shivanand T Halli

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 167

25. Rachappa S/o Hanamappa Kareni

Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 171

26. Shivagangavva W/o Basanagouda Patil

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

27. Laxman S/o Govindappa Halli

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 212

28. Mahanthesh S/o Shankargouda Patil

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 233

29. Srishailgouda S/o Shankargouda Patil

Age: 33 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 234

30. Gurusiddappagouda S/o Dundappagouda Patil

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 311

31. Hanamanthgouda S/o Dundappagouda Patil

Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 453

32. Gangavva W/o Girimallappa Kalmadi

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 601

Prabhu S/o Siddalingappa Parandi

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 743

33. Kallappa S/o Siddalingappa Parandi

Age: 41 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

34. Rukamavva W/o Hanamanth Mantur

Age: 46 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 994

35. Mahadevi W/o Bhimappa Meti

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1005

36. Kallavva W/o Mahadevappa Bulloji

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1020

37. Mallavva W/o Maheshgouda Patil

Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1026

38. Sureshgouda S/o Sharanagouda @ Basanagouda Patil

Age: 32 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1032

(Petitioners No 20 to 40 are all resident of Anthapur Village,

Taluk: Mudhol, District: Bagalkot-587313)

39. Shankar S/o Naglingappa Sonar

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 7

40. Basappa S/o Laxmappa Mantur

Age: 56 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

41. Shivakka W/o Jyothyappa Choudganna

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 36

42. Timmappa S/o Holabasappa Koraddi

Age: 63 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 59

43. Pardeep C Deshpande

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 64

44. Tulashappa S/o Mudakappa Bhangi

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 176

45. Hanamanth S/o Laxmappa Kuri

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 230

46. Ramesh S/o Girimallappa Koti

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 286

47. Siddappa S/o Ningappa Asangi

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 365

48. Tayavva W/o Siddappa Asangi

Age: 64 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

49. Chandrashekar S/o Irasangappa Timmapur

Age: 68 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 335

50. Basappa S/o Gurappa Konnur

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 479

51. Shankrayya S/o Holabasayya Hiremath

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 528

52. Rekha W/o Ramanagouda Rudragoudar

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 538

53. Holabasappa S/o Irappa Hanchanal

Age: 56 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 608

54. Basayya S/o Mahanthayya Hiremath

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 616

55. Gokarayya S/o Mallayya Nandegol

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 704

56. Kallawwa W/o Kalappa Sutar (Badiger)

Age: 32 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

57. Sunandha W/o Ramappa Koraddi

Age: 56 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 832

58. Venkatesh S/o Basappa Mantur

Age: 34 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 976

59. Basavaraj S/o Bhimappa Bhangi

Age: 32 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 26

(Petitioners No 41 to 61 are all resident of Vajaramatti Village,

Taluk: Mudhol, District: Bagalkot-587313)

60. Ningavva W/o Rachappa Dodamani

Age: 72 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 74

61. Basappa S/o Venkappa Guraddi

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 93

62. Premavva W/o Basappa Harijan

Age: 58 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 111

63. Lakkappa S/o Kadappa Guraddi

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 338

64. Timmappa S/o Shasappa Kubakaddi

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 426

65. Holabasappa S/o Gouravva Harijan

Age: 43 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

66. Krishnappa S/o Hanamappa Madar

Age: 58 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 549

67. Sadhashiva S/o Hanamappa Guraddi

Age: 39 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 842

68. Hema W/o Timmappa Kubakaddi

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1025

69. Ashok S/o Nagappa Madar

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 918

70. Tulashappa S/o Muttappa Madar

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 919

(Petitioners No 62 to 72 are all resident of Marakatti Village,

Taluk: Mudhol, District: Bagalkot-587313)

71. Ranganagouda S/o Ramappa Naik

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 150

72. Shivanagouda S/o Ramappa Naik

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

73. Indravva W/o Sathyappa Baradeli

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 155

74. Lakkavva W/o Tulasappa Harijan

Age: 62 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 187

75. Tayawwa C Harijan

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 189

76. Rangappa W/o Hanamappa Bagavvagol

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 190

77. Duragappa S/o Giriyappa Madar

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 325

78. Lachappa S/o Giriyappa Harijan

Age: 62 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 345

79. Tulasappa S/o Durgappa Madar

Age: 68 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 363

80. Mallavva W/o Laxmappa Madar Age: 30 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 489

81. Yallawwa M Hadimani

Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 606

82. Tayeavva W/o Kashyappa Hadimani

Age: 75 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 607

83. Shivawwa W/o rangappa Madar

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 680

84. Shailwwa W/o Kallappa Madar

Age: 34 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 904

85. Mahaningavva W/o Murgappa Madar

Age: 36 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 905

86. Paravva W/o Yamanappa Madar

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 906

87. Kashyavva W/o Rangappa Bagavvagol

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 926

88. Shantavva W/o halabasappa Koraddi

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 63

89. Holabasayya S/o Gurusiddayya Mathapathi

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 361

90. Chandravva W/o hanamappa Sorgavi

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 400

91. Sangappa S/o Holabasappa Koraddi

Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 455

92. Maliyappa S/o Kustnappa Kambar

Age: 47 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 519

93. Sadashiva S/o Gokarappa Navi

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 544

94. Prashanth S/o Basavant Paraddi

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 562

95. Danayya S/o Holabasayya Hiremath

Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 565

96. Lalitha W/o Shankreppa Bagavvagol

Age: 46 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 934

97. Shantavva W/o Shrishail Matapathi

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 611

98. Kalavva W/o Gokarayya Nandegol

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 610

99. Krishnappa S/o Venkappa Koraddi

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 623

100. Basanagouda S/o Shivanagouda Patil

Age: 25 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 632

101. Adivyappa S/o Laxmappa Kuri

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 685

102. Suresh S/o Vittal Pujari

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 708

103. Somappa S/o Ayyappa Bingi

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 723

104. Irrayya S/o Malkayya Matapathi

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 768

105. Shivappa S/o Siddappa Choudganna

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 781

106. Basappa S/o Mallappa Kagalgomba

Age: 52 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 817

107. Mahananda S/o Kannayya Mathapathi

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 820

108. Shaila W/o Danayya Hiremath

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 827

109. Shivappa S/o Yallappa Choudganna

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 857

110. Ashok S/o Maruit Bhajantri

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 862

111. Nagappa S/o Karyappa Lokapur

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

112. Devendra S/o Adiveappa Badiger

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 899

113. Mounesh S/o Hanumanth Badiger

Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 900

114. Narayana S/o Adiveppa Badiger

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 901

(Petitioners No 73 to 116 all are resident of Vajjarmatti Village, Taluk: Mudhol, District: Bagalkot- 587313)

115. Sidramappa S/o Siddappa Naragund

Age: 44 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 128

116. Siddappa S/o Bhimappa B Patil

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 238

117. Ramesh S/o Lachappa Rugi

Age: 47 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 256

118. Siddappa S/o Hanamappa Rugi

Age: 39 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 444

119. Hanamanth S/o Chandrappa Rugi

Age: 64 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 445

120. Siddappa S/o Somappa B PatilAge: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 466

121. Chandrappa S/o Lachappa Rugi

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 469

122. Kamalavva W/o Ningappa Rugi

Age: 62 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 541

123. Vittal S/o Sidramappa Rugi

Age: 28 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 586

124. Siddappa S/o Yallappa Rugi

Age: 74 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 587

125. Yallappa S/o Siddappa Rugi

Age: 46 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 588

126. Vittal S/o Chinappa Rugi

Age: 34 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

127. Basavaraj S./o Hanamappa Rugi Age: 34 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 705

128. Geeta W/o Chandrappa Rugi Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 815

129. Laxmi W/o Mallappa Rugi Age: 31 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 816

130. Basavaraj S/o Hanamappa GhaniAge: 34 Years, Occ: Agriculture,Serial No: 1046

131. Siddappa S/o Shivappa YadalliAge: 39 Years, Occ: Agriculture,Serial No: 508

132. Rangappa S/o Rayappa B PatilAge: 71 Years, Occ. Agriculture,Serial No: 634

133. Siddappa S/o Amatyappa B Patil Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 246

134. Rangappa S/o Bhimappa B Patil Age: 58 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

135. Yallavva W/o Basappa Chikkannavar

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 441

(Petitioners No 116 to 137 all are resident of Bidari Village, Taluk: Mudhol, Diatrict: Bagalkot)

136. Kamalavva W/o Timmappa B Patil

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 30

137. Hanamanth S/o Ramappa Harijan

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 33

138. Sathyappa S/o Hanamappa Konnur

Age: 57 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 39

139. Ramappa S/o Rangappa Horatti

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 52

140. Shantavva W/o Laxmappa Naik

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 91

141. Girimallappa S/o Venkappa B Patil

Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

142. Bhimappa S/o Timappa Suramanji

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 144

143. Rangappa S/o Holabasappa Suramanji

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 231

144. Sajhanand S/o Girimallappa B Patil

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 290

145. Shivalingavva W/o Shankreppa Asuti

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 293

146. Subash S/o Shivanagouda Patil

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 298

147. Sadhashiv S/o Ramappa Naik

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 323

148. Rangappa S/o Hanamappa Naik

Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 348

149. Mallappa S/o Basappa Busannavar

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

150. Ningappa S/o Basappa Busannavar

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 398

151. Venkanna S/o Holabasappa Suramanji (Marakattia)

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 431

152. Shekhar S/o Basappa Suramanji

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 470

153. Ashok S/o Hanamappa Melligeri

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 481

154. Ashok S/o Basappa Suramanji

Age: 48 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 493

155. Renuka S/o Sadhashiv Madar

Age: 35 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 532

156. Holabasappa S/o Bhimappa Suramanji

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 537

157. Holabasappa S/o Hanamappa Gulgajambagi

Age: 42 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 566

158. Renavva W/o Sadashiva Gulgajambagi

Age: 42 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 571

159. Renuka H Madar

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 589

160. Rangappa S/o Hanamappa B Patil

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 604

161. Ramappa S/o Holyappa Madar

Age: 52 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 618

162. Chandravva W/o Kariyappa Sankavvagol

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 626

163. Kariyappa S/o Bagavva Sankavvagol

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 627

164. Kariyavva W/o Kariyappa Sankavvagol

Age: 58 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

165. Manjula D/o Kariyappa Sankavvagol

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 629

166. Hanamanth S/o Vittal Naik

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 636

167. Sadhashiv S/o Ramappa B Patil

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 722

168. Sadhashiv H B Patil

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 729

169. Yamanappa S/o Basappa Busannavar

Age: 62 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 734

170. Rukamavva W/o Konappa Madar

Age: 42 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 740

171. Holabasappa S/o Rangappa Masaraddi

Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 741

172. Renuka W/o Durgappa Madar

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 772

173. Bhimappa S/o Yamanappa Kulageri

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 754

174. Girimallappa S/o Mallappa Busannavar

Age: 38 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 805

175. Pandappa S/o Balappa Madar

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 834

176. Tulasappa S/o Bhimappa B Patil

Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 866

177. Shrikant S/o Girimalappa Patil

Age: 52 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 877

178. Hanamanth S/o Girimalappa Patil

Age: 54 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 950

179. Kamalavva W/o Hanamappa Asuti

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

180. Dyavappa S/o Basappa Madar

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 982

181. Geeta W/o Venkanna Suramanji

Age: 41 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1036

182. Sadashiva S/o Kallappa Naik

Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1051

183. Irrappa S/o Rangappa Kallapur

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1070

(Petitioners No 138 to 185 are all resident of Markatti Village, Taluk Mudhiol, Dist; Bagalkot 587313)

184. Bagavva W/o Mallappa Jiddimani

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 206

185. Kasturiyavva W/o Siddappa Parandi

Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 273

Siddappa S/o Vartyappa Parandi 186.

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 274

187. Basayya S/o Shivayya Mathapathi

Age: 28 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 276

Solabayya S/o Mahalingayya Mathapathi 188.

Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 342

189. Chanappagouda S/o Dundappa Patil

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

190. Siddalingappa S/o Varthyappa Parandi Age: 65 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 554

191. Krishnappa S/o Rangappa Badiger Age: 75 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 463

192. Ishwarayya S/o Irayya Mathapathi

Age: 50 Years, Occ. Agriculture, Serial No. 465

193. Krishnavva W/o Timmappa Mantur Age: 70 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 524

194. Danayya S/o Shadakshariyya Panchikattimath Age: 40 Years, Occ. Agriculture,

Serial No: 557

195. Iravva W/o Gangayya Mathapathi Age: 35 Years, Occ. Agriculture, Serial No: 597

196. Savithri W/o Ramayya Panchikattimath Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 612

197. Kadappa S/o Hanamanth Kotikal @ Bilagi Age: 28 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 625

198. Sadayya S/o Mallayya Mathapathi Age: 55 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 697

199. Parasappa S/o Hanamappa Dalawai Age: 40 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 707

200. Kiran S/o Ramayya Panchikattimath Age: 30 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Serial No: 711

201. Chanappa S/o Holyappa Jiddimani Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

202. Laxmappa S/o Holyappa Jiddimani

Age: 60 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 757

 Nethaji S/o Mallappagouda Patil Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 765

204. Holabasappa S/o Hanamanth Hosakoti Age: 50 Years, Occ. Agriculture,

Serial No: 954

205. Rukamavva W/o Yallappa Bilagi Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 956

206. Pandappa S/o Dundappa Mantur Age: 20 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1030

207. Hanamavva W/o Shivalingappa Kalamadi

Age: 50 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1035

209. Yallavva W/o Kariyappa Bujaga

Age: 45 Years, Occ: Agriculture,

Serial No: 1061

(Petitioners No 186 to 210 are all resident of Antapur Village, Taluk Mudhol, Dist; Bagalkot)

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS B NAIK & SRI. SAIKIRAN B NAIK, ADVS.

AND

1. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Government of Karnataka No 1, Ali Askar Road, Bengaluru-560052

 District Election Officer and Deputy Registrar Of Co-operative Societies,
Zilla Bahavn Building, Bagalkot Dist: Bagalkot-587101

3. V B Kaladagi

The Returning Officer Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society Ltd, Vajjarmatti Village, and Assistant Teacher HPS Junnur, Taluk Mudhol, Dist: Bagalkot 587113

 Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., Vajjarmatti Village, Taluk: Mudhol, Dist: Bagalkot 587113 Represented by its Secretary

... Respondents

(BY SRI. V.S. KALASURMATH, HCGP FOR R1) (SRI. HEMANTHKUMAR L HAVARAGI, ADV. FOR R2 & R3) (R4-SERVED)

THESE WRIT PETITIONS ARE FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF APPROPRIATE NATURE TO DECLARE THAT THE SECTION 20(2)[A-IV] KARNATAKA **CO-OPERATIVE** SOCIETIES ACT IS ULTRA VIRUS AND **LEGISLATIVE** COMPETENCE AND ARTICLE 243ZI AN 243ZO OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY. ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE 4TH RESPONDENT SOCIETY FOR THE TERMS 2020-21 TO 2024-25 SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 12/01/2020 AS PER ANNEXURE- A WITHOUT APPLYING SECTION 20(2)(A-IV) (A-V) OF THE ACT AND PERMIT THE PETITIONERS TO TAKE PART IN THE ELECTION PROCESS INCLUDING TO CAST THEIR RESPECTIVE VOTES IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

THESE WRIT PETITIONS COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING B GROUP THIS DAY, THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING:

ORDER

In these writ petitions, the petitioners have challenged the validity of Section 20(2)(a-iv) and (a-v) of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959 (for short, 'the Act') as ultra vires and also violative of Articles 243ZI and 243ZO of the Constitution of India and for a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to permit the petitioners to participate in the election without applying the provision of Section 20(2)(a-iv) and (a-v) of the Act.

- 2. This Court by interim order dated 10.1.2020 permitted the petitioners to vote in the election of the respondent-Society without reference to Section 20(2)(a-iv) and (a-v) of the Act, if they are otherwise eligible to cast their votes, subject to the result of these writ petitions.
- 3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners voted in the election in pursuance to interim direction of this Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are not pressing the prayer challenging the constitutional validity of Section 20(2)(a-iv) and (a-v) of the Act and that the writ petitions could be disposed of on the ground that the respondent-Society could not have applied the provision of Section 20(2)(a-iv) and (a-v) of the Act to the petitioners or to delete the petitioners' name from the eligible voters' list. It is also contended that the petitioners have not received the notice of Annual General Body Meeting as required under Rule 14-AJ of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Rules, 1960 (for short, 'Rules, 1960). Rule 14-AJ(2) of the Rules 1960 reads as follows:

14-AJ(2).- The Chief Executive, after the board decides the date and time of the general meeting to be convened, shall convene the annual general meeting by giving a notice of at least fifteen clear days as specified in the bye-laws. However, in the case of exigency, a special general meeting may be convened by giving a notice of at least ten clear

days in writing. The notice may be sent in the following modes, namely.-

- (a) by ordinary post; or [by bulk post; or by courier]
 - (b) by e-mail; or
- (c) by local delivery under proper acknowledgement; and
- (d) by publication in the newspaper having wide circulation in the area of operation.
- 4. The above Rule contemplates, giving of 15 days clear notice of annual general meeting and same shall be sent by the modes mentioned therein including ordinary post. The respondent-Society even though served with Court notice has remained unrepresented. The Society has not come forward to deny or controvert the contention of the petitioners that they have not been served with the notice of annual general meeting of the respondent-Society. If the petitioners were not served with the notice of the annual general meeting of the Society as required under Rule 14-AJ of the Rules 1960, one cannot expect the petitioners to attend the annual

general meeting of the Society. Hence, only on the ground that the petitioners have not attended three consecutive annual general meeting, the respondent-Society could not have deleted the names of the petitioners from the eligible voters' list as they have not been served with notice of annual general meeting. Prima facie, principles of natural justice not having been followed, I hold that the petitioners could not have been deleted from the eligible voters' list on the ground that they have not attended three consecutive annual general meeting of the respondent-Society in the absence of service of notice of the annual general meeting of the Society. Presently, as the petitioners have exercised their franchise in the election held to the Society in pursuance to the interim order and the petitioners have not pressed the prayer-A with regard to validity of Section 20(2)(a-iv) and (a-v) of the Act, the writ petitions would no more survive for consideration. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case, the writ petitions are disposed as above without examining the validity of the above stated provision.

Sd/-JUDGE

JTR