



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2024

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUNDAR

WRIT PETITION NO. 9255 OF 2024 (MV)

**BETWEEN:**

1. SHRI. A. SREEKANTH REDDY,  
S/O A BHARKAR REDDY,  
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,  
R/AT V. P. ROAD, 4<sup>TH</sup> CROSS,  
BTM LAYOUT, OLD MADIVALA,  
BANGALORE-560068.
2. SHRI. GANGADHAR H.N.,  
S/O NANJUNDAPPA,  
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,  
R/AT BELURU TALUK,  
HALEBEEDU HOBLI, HASSAN,  
KARNATAKA-573121.
3. BIKE TAXI WELFARE ASSOCIATION,  
REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES  
REGISTRATION ACT,  
OFFICE AT No.45,  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, 5<sup>TH</sup> CROSS,  
5<sup>TH</sup> MAIN ROAD, CHANDRA LAYOUT,  
D.C.HALLI, BENGALURU-560076.  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT  
AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY,  
MR. ADI NARAYANA M.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI K.N. PHANEENDRA, SENIOR COUNSEL FOR  
SRI GIRISH KUMAR B. M., ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,  
HOME DEPARTMENT,  
VIDHANA SOUDHA,

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MAHENDRAKUMAR  
Location: High  
Court of Karnataka



BENGALURU-560001,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

2. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND  
SOCIAL RELATIONS,  
VIDHANA SOUDHA,  
BENGALURU-560001.  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
3. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
VIDHANA SOUDHA,  
BENGALURU-560001.  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
4. META PLATFORMS INC.,  
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS FACEBOOKINC)  
MICROSOFT SIGNATURE BUILDING,  
OFF INTERMEDIATE RING ROAD,  
EMBASSY GOLF LINKS BUSINESS PARK,  
DOMLUR, BENGALURU-560071.  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
MANAGEING DIRECTOR

HEAD QUARTERS AT: 1601;  
WILLOW ROAD MENLO PARK,  
CALIFORNIA- 94025.  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
REPRESETED BY ITS  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

5. FACEBOOK INDIA ONLINE SERVICES  
PRIVATE LIMITED,  
UNIT Nos.1203 AND 1204, LEVEL 12,  
BUILDING No.20, RAHEJA MINDSPACE,  
CYBERABAD, MADHAPUR, HITECH CITY,  
HYDERABAD-500081.  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
A COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER  
THE COMPANIES ACT.



6. PEACE AUTO  
UNION OF AUTO DRIVERS,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. RAGHU NARAYANA,  
AT 167/168, TAVAREKERE MAIN ROAD,  
NEAR-MADIVALA POLICE STATION,  
MADIWALA, BENGALURU-560029.
7. KARNATAKA RAJYA CHALAKARA  
PARISHATH MEMBERS TEAM,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. SOMA SHEKAR,  
AT 3<sup>RD</sup> BLOCK,  
JENAKAL SIDDESWARA NAGAR,  
NANDINI LAYOUT,  
BENGALURU-560096.
8. BANGALORE AUTOSENSE  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. CHETHAN,  
AT VELANKANI TECH PARK PRVSM,  
ELECTRONICS, VELANKANI DRIVE,  
ELECTRONICS CITY PHASE 1,  
ELECTRONIC CITY,  
BENGALURU-560100.
9. SNEHAJEEVI CHALAKARA TRADE UNION  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. SANTHOSH KUMAR,  
AT PAI LAYOUT, AREKERE,  
BENGALURU-560076.
10. ADARSHA AUTO AND TAXI DRIVERS UNION  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. MANJUNATH ,  
AT NO.3, ROBERTSON ROAD,  
NEAR ASHOKA ENCLAVE,  
PULIKESHI NAGAR,  
BENGALURU-560005.
11. KARNATAKA CHALAKARA OKKUTA,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. NARAYANA SWAMY,



AT PEENYA 1<sup>ST</sup> STAGE,  
PEENYA, BENGALURU-560058.

12. BHARAT TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION GROUP  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. HARISH GOWDA,  
AT CHANNASANDRA, SRINIVASPURA,  
BENGALURU-560098.
13. KARUNADA VIJAYA SARATHI SENE  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
MR. MANJUNATH, AT 18/2, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR,  
GANDHINAGAR, BEHIND S.J.M. TOWER,  
KARNATAKA VEERASHIVA  
VIDYABHIRUDHI SAMSTE,  
BENGALURU-560009.
14. AUTO SHOKDARS,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
AT No.52/2, VYSHYABANK LAYOUT,  
BANNERUGHATTA ROAD,  
HULIMAVU, BANGALORE-560076.
15. NAMMA CHALAKARA TRADE UNION  
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT,  
AT 10<sup>TH</sup> MAIN ROAD,  
4<sup>TH</sup> BLOCK, JAI BHUVANESHWARINAGAR,  
NANDINI LAYOUT,  
BENGALURU-560096.
16. ROPPEN TRANSPORATION SERVICES  
PRIVATE LIMITED,  
A COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER  
THE COMPANIES ACT 2013,  
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE  
AT 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, SAI PRITHVI ARCADE  
MEGHA HILLS, SRI RAMA COLONY,  
MADHAPUR HYDERABAD,  
TELANGANA-500081.  
  
BRANCH AT No.148, 5<sup>TH</sup> MAIN ROAD,  
RAJIV GANDHI NAGAR, SECTOR-7,  
HSR LAYOUT, BENGALURU-560102  
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR.



17. ANI TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED.,  
A COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER  
THE COMPANIES ACT,  
REGENT INSIGNIA No.414,  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 4<sup>TH</sup> BLOCK,  
17<sup>TH</sup> MAIN, 1000 FEET ROAD,  
KORAMANGALA, BENGALURU-560034.
18. UBER INDIA SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED,  
A COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE COMPANIES ACT,  
REGISTERED OFFICE REGUS  
BUSINESS PLATINUM CENTRE PVT LTD.,  
LEVER 13, PLATINUM TECHNO PARK,  
PLOT NO.17/18, SEC 30A,  
VASHI NAVI, MUMBAI-400705.  
ALSO AT 77, SURVEY No.124/2,  
N.A.L, WIND TUNNEL ROAD,  
MURGESH PALLYA, HAL POST,  
BENGALURU-560017.  
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI K. SHASHIKIRAN SHETTY, ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W  
SRI B. RAVINDRANATH, AGA FOR R1 TO R3)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO WRIT RESTRAINING THE R6 TO 15 HEREIN FROM CAUSING OBSTRUCTION, STOPPAGE, HARASSING AND / OR PHYSICALLY ABUSING AND CAUSING VIOLENCE TO THE PETITIONER NO. 1 AND 2 AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF PETITIONER NO. 3 ASSOCIATION WHO ARE OPERATING BIKE TAXIS THOROUGH VARIOUS AGGREGATORS LIKE R16 TO 18 HEREIN IN TERMS OF THE INTERIM ORDER GRANTED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WP Nos.14627/2021, 19869/2021 AND 6421/2022 VIDE ANNEXURE-E, ANNEXURE-F AND ANNEXURE-G. ETC.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR ORDERS THIS DAY, THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING:



## ORDER

Heard Sri.K.N.Phanindra, learned Senior Counsel representing the petitioners' counsel, Sri.Shashi Kiran Shetty, learned Advocate General representing the State.

2. Petitioners No.1 and 2 are operating bike taxi's, and petitioner No.3 is the Bike Taxi Welfare Association registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act. The petitioners submits that the bike taxi aggregators had approached this Court in Writ Petition No.14627/2021 and connected petitions, and this Court directed the respondents herein not to take any coercive steps against the petitioners therein, till the next date of hearing.

3. Despite the order passed by this Court directing the State Government not to take any coercive steps, the police concerned are not taking action against respondents No.6 to 15, who are unlawfully obstructing and assaulting the bike taxi riders from operating their services. The State is under obligation to take an appropriate action against any individual.

4. Organization, who are indulging in unlawful activities, and they are also duty bound to act on the complaint, if lodged by the petitioners herein.

5. Hence, I pass the following:



**ORDER**

- i) The Writ Petition stands disposed of, directing the respondent No.1 to take appropriate action against any person in the event they unlawfully obstruct the petitioners from operating the services of bike taxi.
- ii) This order is subject to the outcome of Writ Petition Nos.6421/2022, 19869/2021, 14627/2021 and 24569/2023.

**Sd/-  
JUDGE**

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