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NC: 2026:KHC:10270-DB
CCC No. 398 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAYKUMAR A. PATIL

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO.398 OF 2024

BETWEEN:

SRI P K POUNRAJ
S/O SRI. KUPPASWAMY DEVAR
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
PROPRIETOR
M/S. SATYA GRANTITES
NO.69,
ADHIMMAN BYPASS RAOD,
DHARMAPURI - 636 701,
TAMIL NADU

Digitally signed by RAKSHA
Location: High Court of Karnataka

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI. VIKRAM H. BHAT, ADV. FOR
SMT. VAISHALI HEGDE, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. SRI. KRISHNA ANNAYYA GOWDA
ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
ANKOLA SUB-DIVISION
ANKOLA 581 319.

2. SRI. G.V. NAIK
RANGE FOREST OFFICER
ANKOLA RANGE
ANKOLA 581319.

…ACCUSED

3. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
FOREST DEPARTMENT
M. S. BUILDING
DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BANGALORE 560 001

…PROFORMA RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. SATISH K., ADV. FOR A1;
SRI. I. THARANATH POOJARY, AAG WITH
SRI. KIRAN KUMAR, HCGP FOR PROFORMA R3;
SRI. AKASH B. SHETTY, ADV. FOR A2)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, R/W ARTICLE 215 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO INITIATE CONTEMPT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED FOR WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE OF THE FINAL ORDER DATED 25.09.2023 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS COURT IN CRIMINAL PETITION NO.7582/2018.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR FRAMING OF CHARGES, THIS DAY, JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN
and
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAYKUMAR A. PATIL

ORAL JUDGMENT

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAYKUMAR A. PATIL)

This contempt petition is filed alleging willful disobedience of the order dated 25.09.2023 passed by the learned Single Judge in Crl.P.No.7582/2018.

2. The accused have filed various compliance affidavits.

3. Learned Additional Advocate General Sri I. Tharanath Poojary, appearing for the accused filed an affidavit of Sri K.C. Jayesh, Assistant Conservator of Forest, Ankola and submits that a communication is sent on 16.02.2026, which is annexed to the affidavit, wherein decision is taken to release the iron ore as directed by the learned Single Judge.

4. In view of the aforesaid affidavit and taking note of the submission of the learned Additional Advocate General,

contempt proceedings are ***closed***. Notice issued to the accused shall stand discharged.

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(VIJAYKUMAR A. PATIL)
JUDGE

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