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CCC No. 372 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010211592026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE N.V.BHAVANI

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 372 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. SRI ANANDA KARANTH,
S/O LATE K.NARAYANA KARANTH,
AGED ABOUT 81 YEARS,
R/AT NO. 674, 17TH MAIN ROAD,
SARASWATHIPURAM, MYSURU 570 009.

2. SRI G.A.SUJITH KUMAR,
S/O LATE GOVINDAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS,
R/AT NO. 108, LAKSHMIDEVI
POULTRY FARM, DASANAKOPPALU GATE,
BOGADI POST, MYSURU -570 026.

...COMPLAINANTS

(BY SRI SHARATH S GOWDA, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. K M MAHESH KUMAR,
THE TAHSILDAR,
MYSURU TALUK, MYSURU 570 010.

...ACCUSED

2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT, M.S.BUILDING,

DR.B R AMBEDKAR ROAD,
BANGALORE - 560 001.

…PROFORMA RESPONDENT

(BY SMT. NAMITHA MAHESH B.G, AGA FOR PROFORMA R-1 & A-1)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 215 OF THE CONSTITUTION R/W SECTION 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT, 1971, PRAYING TO HOLD THE ACCUSED PERSONS GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR WILFUL DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 21.03.2025 PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN W.P.NO.8029/2025 (KLR-RES) VIDE ANNEXURE-A AND FURTHER BE PLEASED TO PUNISH THE ACCUSED PERSON WITH IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, 1971 AND FURTHER BE PLEASED TO DIRECT THE ACCUSED TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER DATED 21.03.2025 PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN W.P.NO.8029/2025 (KLR-RES) IN ITS LETTER AND SPIRIT.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE N.V.BHAVANI

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ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI)

Heard learned counsel for the complainants and learned AGA appearing for the accused.

2. Allegation of wilful disobedience of the order dated 21.03.2025 passed in Writ Petition No.8029/2025 is made.

3. A show cause notice was filed by the petitioners issued by the accused indicating that a grant made vide GDR No.33/45 was cancelled by the Huzoor Sub-Divisional Saheb in GDR No.125/1949-50 and there was also an entry made to that effect in the record of rights. The petition was disposed of with a direction to the Tahsildar to furnish the documents relating to the alleged cancellation made in GDR No.125/1949-50 to enable the petitioners to file objections to the said order.

4. A reply affidavit of Sri K.M. Mahesh Kumar, the Tahsildar, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District has been filed, in paragraph No.5 of which, it is stated as follows:

> *"I state that in compliance of the order of the learned Single Judge, we have verified all the original records in the Record Room of our Taluk Office.*

However, the original order passed by the Huzoor Sub-Divisional Saheb in GDR No.125/1949-50 is not available in our office. Hence, the Accused No.1-Respondent has issued an Endorsement to the Complainant on 18.06.2026, stating that the original document not being available, is not furnished and only the certified copy of the Mutation Register No.2/1953-54(GL.1132/53) and Records of Rights Form No.5 in Serial Nos.783 & 784 documents have been furnished along with the Endorsement. The copies of the Mutation Register, Records of Rights Form No.5 in Serial Nos.783 & 784 and Endorsement dated 18.06.2026 along with English Translation are herewith produced as ANNEXURE-R1."

5. Learned counsel for the accused states that an endorsement dated 18.06.2026 has also been issued to the complainants, a copy of which is enclosed as Annexure-R1. It is further stated by the learned AGA that an appeal was filed under Section 136(2) of the Karnataka Revenue Act, 1964 (for short "the Act")[1] as per the orders of the Deputy Commissioner regarding the land Survey No.48 of Madagahalli Village, Yelwala Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.

6. Learned counsel for the complainants states that in the order dated 30.01.2026 passed in Writ Petition

[1] The Act

No.2585/2026, after considering the amendment brought to Section 136(1) of the Act, with effect from 10.01.2025, liberty was reserved to the petitioners to approach the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal questioning the order passed by the Deputy Commissioner under Section 136(3) of the Act.

6. That being the case, it cannot be said that there is a wilful disobedience of the order of the learned Single Judge of this Court.

7. This contempt petition is therefore consigned, leaving it open to the complainant to avail of such lawful remedy as he may be advised in accordance with law.

Sd/-
(JAYANT BANERJI)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(N.V.BHAVANI)
JUDGE

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