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CNR: KAHC010265602024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.SHANTHI BHUSHAN

CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 496 OF 2024
C/W
CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 728 OF 2024

IN CCC No. 496/2024:

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. K N NAGARAJ,
S/O. KANCHI NARAYANA RAO,
AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS,
R/AT C BLOCK, 4TH CROSS, VIDYANAGAR,
HARIHARA, DAVANAGERE DIST 577 601.

2. SRI. A DHEERENDRA
AGED ABOUT 72 YEARS,
S/O. LATE. P N ANNIGERE,
R/AT NO. 4TH MAIN ROAD, 6TH CROSS,
HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DIST 577 601.

3. L DEVADAS
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
S/O. B C LAKSHMESWARA,
5TH MAIN ROAD, 4TH CROSS ROAD,
HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DIST 577 601.

4. SRI A RAGHAVENDRA
AGED ABOUT 72 YEARS
S/O. LATE. P N ANNIGERI,

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R/A NO. 4TH MAIN ROAD, 6TH CROSS,
HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 577 601.

5. ASHA W/O LATE K IMAMSAB
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS

6. MR. SHAFI KHAN
S/O LATE K IMAMSAB
AGED ABOUT 31YEARS,

PETITIONER NO.5 & 6 ARE
RESIDING AT NO. 79/2, 1ST MAIN
4TH CROSS, INDIRANAGAR,
HARIHARA - 577 601.

7. MRS SHABANA BANU
D/O LATE K IMAMSAB
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
W/O M B AMJAB,
RESIDING AT MALEBENNUR DISTRICT,
HARIHARA TALUK, DAVANGERE – 577 601.

8. MRS. SHAKEELA BANU,
D/O LATE K IMAMSAB
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
W/O SADIQ
RESIDING AT CHALLAKERE,
CHITRADURGA TALUK
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT – 577 522.

LATE HANUMANTHAPPA
SINCE DECEASED BY HIS LRS

9. SMT RATHNAMMA @ KENCHAMMA
WIFE OF LATE HANUMANTHAPPA
AGED ABOUT 65 YEARS

10. SRI. HUCHAPPA S/O LATE HANUMAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS

BOTH ARE RESIDING AT HUCHENGAMMA TEMPLE,
HALLADAKERE HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

11. SRI. H KRISHNAMURTHY,
S/O H HANUMANTHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 65 YEARS,
RESIDING AT CHAITANYA KRUPA,
3RD MAIN ROAD, 5TH CROSS,
B BLOCK VIDYANAGAR , HARIHARA
DAVANAGERE -577 601.

12. SRI. M BASAVARAJAIAH,
S/O H M SHIVAPAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 65 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 4TH MAIN ROAD,
4TH CROSS B BLOCK, VIDYANAGARA
HARIHARA, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

SRI.K B DIVYA JI S/O BASAPPA DIVYA G,
DEAD BY LRS

13. SMT. RATHNAMMA
AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS
W/O LATE K.B. DIVYA JI
4TH MAIN ROAD, 16TH CROSS, B BLOCK,
BEHIND RAJARAM COLONY, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

14. SRI. N L MULIMANI,
S/O LAKSHMANA RAO MULIMANI,
AGED ABOUT 76 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 2ND MAIN ROAD,
2ND CROSS B BLOCK,VIDYANAGARA,
HARIHARA, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

15. SRI. H PARASHURAMAPPA S/O HALAPPA
AGED ABOUT 73 YEARS
RESIDING AT 2ND MAIN ROAD, 1ST CROSS,
C BLOCK, VIDYANAGARA, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

SRI. K TALLUR SINCE DECEASED BY HIS LRS

16. SMT. LAKSHMI TALLUR,
W/O LATE K A TALLUR,
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 2ND MAIN ROAD,8TH CROSS,
VIJAYANAGAR, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 577 601.

17. SRI. M G BABULESHWAR,
S/O G R BABULESHWAR,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 4TH MAIN ROAD,
16TH CROSS ROAD, RAJARAM COLONY,
HARIHARA, DAVANAGERE - 577 601.

18. SRI. S TIPPANNA S/O SIDDAPPA
AGED ABOUT 75 YEARS,
RESIDING AT SIDDESHWARA NILAYA,
1ST MAIN ROAD, 9TH CROSS, A BLOCK,
VIDYANAGAR, HARIHARA,
DAVANGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

SRI. SALERA SHIVAJI
SINCE DECEASED R/BY HIS LRS

19. SMT. S. SHAILA
W/O SALERA SHIVAJI
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
3RD MAIN ROAD, 1ST CROSS ROAD,
RAJARAM COLONY, HARIHARA,
DAVANGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

20. SRI. S BASAPPA
S/O HANUMANTHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 76 YEARS
RESIDING AT NEAR SRI
SANGAMESHWARA TEMPLE,
KALLADAKERI, HARI HARA
DAVNAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

21. SRI.H RANGANATH S/O RANGAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS,
RESIDING AT ANANDA NILAYA,
4TH MAIN ROAD, 16TH CROSS,
RAJARAM COLONY, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

22. SRI. J MANJUNATH S/O NARAYANA NAIK,
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
RESIDING AT OMKARA MUTT ROAD,
KOTE, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

23. SRI.M J MANAVACHARI,
S/O JAKANACHARI,
AGED ABOUT 71 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 5TH MAIN ROAD,
3RD CROSS, B BLOCK, VIDYANAGAR,
HARIHARA, DAVANGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

SRI. G S GORANTLI S/O SANNAPPA
SINCE DEAD BY LRS

24. SMT. G. GAYATRI
W/O LATE G.S. GORANTLI
2ND MAIN ROAD, 9TH CROSS
VIJAYANAGARA EXTENSION, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

25. SRI. VENKATESH,
S/O LATE G.S. GORANTLI,
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,

26. SRI. SURESH,
S/O LATE G.S. GORANTLI,
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,

COMPLAINANT NO.24 TO 26
R/AT 2ND MAIN ROAD, 9TH CROSS,
VIJAYANAGARA EXTENSION, HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

27. SHIVAJI
S/O HANUMANTHAPPA
NO 1418/2, 1ST MAIN ROAD,
11TH CROSS, VINOBA NAGAR,
DAVANAGERE - 577 601.

28. SRI. NAGARAJA S S/O S BHEEMAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 2/324/1,
SIDDAMMA ONNE SHIVAJINAGAR,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

29. SRI. B V REVANASIDDAPPA,
S/O VEERABADRAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 74 YEARS,
RESIDING AT GANESHA NILAYA,
HALEBATHI ROAD, POST DODDAPATHI,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

30. SRI. VIJAYAPPA P
S/O LATE BUDDIVANTAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS,
RESIDING AT B H KONDAJJI,
C BLOCK, 3RD CROSS, VIDYANAGARA,
HARIHARA, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 577 601.

31. B H KONDAJJI S/O HANUMANTHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 77 YEARS,
C BLOCK, 3RD CROSS, VIDHYA NAGAR,
HARIHARA, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

…COMPLAINANTS

(BY SRI. RAVINDRANATH.K.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. DR. VENKATESH M V
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
DAVANGERE DISTRICT,
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
DAVANAGERE – 577 004.

2. GURUBASAVARAJ
THASILDHAR,
OFFICE OF THE THASILDHAR,
HARIHARA,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT – 577 601.

3. AVINASH NAIK
ASSISTANT LABOUR COMMISSIONER
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT LABOUR
COMMISSIONER,
DAVANAGERE – 577 004.

4. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
R/BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU – 560 001.

…PRO-FORMA RESPODENT

5. THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
(MYSORE KIRLOSLAR LIMITED)
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
CORPORATE BHAVAN NO.26 AND 27,
12TH FLOOR, RAHEJA TOWERS,
M.G.ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001.
AMENDED V.C.O DATED 02.04.2026.

…ACCUSED

(BY SRI.BHAIRAV KUTTAIAH, AGA FOR PRO-FORMA R4;
MS. SAMEEKSHA PATIL, ADVOCATE FOR PROPOSED A5
(OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR);
A1 TO A3 ARE SERVED)

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 215 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, R/W SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT, PRAYING TO TAKE COGNIZANCE AGAINST THE ACCUSED FOR NOT CONSIDERING THE ORDER PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN W.P.NO.23151/2019 DATED 13.03.2023 AND PUNISH THE ACCUSED.

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IN CCC NO. 728/2024:

BETWEEN:

G B PATIL,
S/O BASAVANAGOUDA PATIL,
AGED ABOUT 78 YEARS,
R/O AYODHYA ONI, OLD HUBLI,
HUBLI, DHARWAD DISTRICT.

...COMPLAINANT

(BY SRI. PRABHU.L.,ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. MALLIKARJUNA G CONTRACTOR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

SRI. PRASHANTH BALIYAN
THE OFFICIAL LIQIUDATOR
M/S MYSORE KIRLOSKAR LIMITED (IN LIQN)
RAHEJA TOWERS, 12TH FLOOR,
M G ROAD, BENGALURU.

...ACCUSED

(BY MS. KRUTIKA RAGHAVAN .,ADVOCATE AND
MS. SAMEEKSHA PATIL, ADVOCATE
(OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR))

THIS CCC IS FILED UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT, PRAYING TO A) SECURE THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED BEFORE THIS HON'BLE COURT ON ALL THE DATE OF HEARING AND PUNISH HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT FOR HAVING BEEN SHOWN WILLFUL AND DELIBERATE DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ORDER DATED 12.07.2023 PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN C.A.NO.102/2021 VIDE ANNEXURE - D, AND AWARD THE COST OF THIS PROCEEDING.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.SHANTHI BHUSHAN

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ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH)

Heard Sri. Ravindranath K., learned AGA and Sri. Prabhu L., for complainants and Ms. Kruthika Raghavan along with Ms. Sameeksha Patil, for the alleged contemnors/Official Liquidator.

2. These contempt petitions have been filed alleging non-compliance and willful disobedience of the order dated 13.03.2023 passed by the Writ Court in W.P.No.23151/2019.

3. The complainants are the erstwhile employees/workmen of Mysore Kirloskar Ltd. In pursuance of the liquidation of some assets carried out by the Official Liquidator, 96% of the dues of the workmen have been paid. A some portion of the gratuity amount is left to be paid for which, the Official Liquidator is taking steps as enunciated in the affidavit dated 23.09.2026 and as soon as those assets would be allowed to be disposed

of/liquidated by the Company Court, the amount realized from liquidation of those assets would be utilized for payment of the workmen dues and dues of other secured and unsecured as per the law.

4. On the last date of hearing we directed the Official Liquidator to file his personal affidavit regarding steps being taken for liquidation of the assets which have come to the possession of the Official Liquidator in pursuance of the order passed by this Court. In compliance of the said order dated 16.09.2026, the Official Liquidator has filed the affidavit. Paragraph No.3 of the said affidavit would read as under:

> *"3. I respectfully submit that the Official Liquidator has been taking necessary steps for identification, securing, valuation and disposal of the remaining assets of the Company in liquidation. The present status and steps taken in respect of the assets requiring further action are set out below:*

Sl. No.	**Asset/Property**	**Steps taken by the Official Liquidator**	**Present status/ Reason why disposal is pending**
1.	Approximately 20 acres of land bearing Survey Nos.18,19,21,22, 23,25,26 and 27	Re-survey of the property through Government Surveyor and valuation through	C.A.No.42/2022 has been filed by M/s Mysore Kirloskar Employees Co-

	at Harihara, forming part of the colony area/factory premises	a government-approved valuer to be done after the disposal of C.A. No.42/2022	operative Society Ltd. Concerning the said property and is pending for orders. In view of the conflicting claims arising from the apparent double sale of the parcel, further effective steps towards disposal of the property are dependent upon the outcome of the pending proceedings and clarification of the rights/interests in the property.
2.	6.29 acres of land and buildings leased to Kirloskar Institute of Advanced Management Studies **(KIM)**	The Official Liquidator pursued O.S.A. No.19/2015. Following the judgment dated 17.02.2026 in OSA 19/2015, SLP filed by KIM before the Hon'ble Supreme Court was dismissed on **26.02.2026.** The Review Petition No.329/2026 filed by KIM was thereafter dismissed by this Hon'ble Court on **17.07.2026,** whereby the judgment attained finality.	Pursuant to the above, the OL has filed **C.A.No.223/2026** seeking, *inter alia,* appointment of a panel valuer, identification and demarcation of the property, valuation of the land/ buildings/ structures/ plant and machinery, assessment of market rent, recovery of differential rent, handing over of vacant possession by KIM and assistance of the District Administration for taking possession. The said application is pending for orders.

3.	Properties of the Company in liquidation forming part of the subject matter of CA Nos.230/2026 and 231/2026	**Sri.B.R.Sridhara and others have filed C.A.Nos.230/2026 and 231/2026** against the Official Liquidator and 8 others, inter alia, seeking a direction to the Official Liquidator to conduct an **immediate comprehensive survey and boundary demarcation of the Company's property and the petitioners' property**, so as to protect the properties of the petitioners as well as the assets of the Company in liquidation	The said applications were filed on 18.08.2026 and are **pending before this Hon'ble Court.**
4.	**Land bearing Survey Nos.18, 19,21,22,23,25, 26and 27 at Harihara – 20 Acres as mentioned in S.No.1**	Pursuant to the survey notice dated **27.08.2026** issued by the Taluk Suveryor and notice dated **07.09.2026** issued by the Assistant Director of Land Records, Harihara, an official of the office **attended the survey conducted on 09.09.2026.**	Survey of the lands is being undertaken by the concerned government department.

5. We are, therefore of the considered view that the Official Liquidator is making all efforts under the law to

liquidate the assets of the company in liquidation to satisfy the dues of the workmen, other secured and unsecured creditors.

6. We, therefore, find there is no willful disobedience of the order passed by this Court by the Official Liquidator. However, we direct the official liquidator to take expeditious steps for the liquidation of the assets of the company so that the workmen are paid their dues as per law.

Contempt petitions stands closed.

Contempt notice is discharged.

Sd/-
(D K SINGH)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(H.SHANTHI BHUSHAN)
JUDGE

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