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NC: 2026:KHC:56313
WP No. 24438 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010544892026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 24438 OF 2026 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. M/S. RENUKAMBA FUELS,
   A PROPRIETORSHIP CONCERN,
   REGISTERED UNDER THE KARNATAKA
   SHOPS AND COMMERCIAL
   ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1961,
   REPRESENTED BY ITS PROPRIETOR
   SRI. HARSHAVARDANA R.,
   HAVING ITS RETAIL OUTLET AT SY. NO.5/6,
   BERATENA AGRAHARA VILLAGE,
   BEGUR HOBLI, BENGALURU 560100

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SANGAMESH R B.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED,
   REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND
   MANAGING DIRECTOR, A PUBLIC SECTOR
   UNDERTAKING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
   HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT PETROLEUM
   HOUSE, 17, JAMSHEDJI TATA ROAD,
   MUMBAI 400020.

2. THE CHIEF REGIONAL MANAGER
   HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED,
   BANGALORE REGIONAL OFFICE,
   RETAIL DIVISION, DURAVANI NAGAR,

KRISHNARAJPURAM,
BENGALURU 560016.

3. THE AREA SALES MANAGER
HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM
CORPORATION LIMITED,
BANGALORE REGIONAL OFFICE,
RETAIL DIVISION,
DOORAVANINAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560016.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. SANDEEP LAHIRI.,ADVOCATE FOR R1 TO R3)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE IMPUGNED COMMUNICATION/FACT FINDING LETTER REFERENCE BEARING 31.07.2026 DATED NO. BRO/RET/AR ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO. 2 AT ANNEXURE - A.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

The present writ petition is filed seeking for the following reliefs:

> *"a) Issue a Writ in the nature of Certiorari so as to Quash the Impugned Communication/Fact Finding Letter dated: bearing 31.07.2026 Reference No. BRO/RET/AR issued by Respondent No. 2 at ANNEXURE - A.*

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b) Pass such other or further order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity."

2. In the present writ petition, the Fact Finding Letter dated 31.07.2026 (Annexure-A to the writ petition) was called in question. This Court, vide interim order dated 06.08.2026, *inter alia* noticing that the investigation is under progress, directed that there will be no service be offered at the subject petrol pump either by the petitioner or by the HPCL.

3. The respondent - HPCL has filed IA.No.2/2026 for modification of the said interim order dated 06.08.2026. The petitioner has also filed IA.No.3/2026 for a direction, which is in essence, modification of the interim order dated 06.08.2026.

4. It is forthcoming that during the pendency of the present writ petition, the respondents have completed the investigation and have issued a Show Cause Notice dated 24.09.2026, which is impugned in WP No.31762/2026.

5. Having regard to the aforementioned, the relief sought for in the present writ petition has been rendered

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infructuous. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

6. All the contentions of the parties are kept open to be decided in WP.No.31762/2026.

7. Pending IAs., if any, stand disposed of.

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(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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