



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, DHARWAD BENCH

DATED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2024

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

WRIT PETITION NO. 101361 OF 2024 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

RAMKRISHNA S/O. BHIMAPPA BAJANTRI,
AGE: 39 YEARS, OCC: PRESS REPORTER,
R/O. GAVISIDDANNA MADDI, ATHANI,
TQ: ATHANI, DIST: BELAGAVI.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRASHANT S. HOSMANI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE KARNATAKA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
MAHITI SOUDHA, DEVRAJ URS ROAD,
OPP. TO VIDHAN SOUDHA, WEST GATE -2,
BENGALURU-560001.
2. APPELLATE AUTHORITY,
AND CHIEF ENGINEER, CHIEF ENGINEER OFFICE,
DHARWAD, DIST: DHARWAD-580008.
3. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDING)
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
CHIEF ENGINEER OFFICE,
DHARWAD, DIST: DHARWAD-580008.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. D.M. BANDI, ADVOCATE FOR R1)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI AND SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 13-12-2022 BEARING APPEAL NO.49 APL 2022-23 PASSED BY RESPONDENT NO.2 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-E IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY; ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF CERTIORARI AND SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 29-09-2022 BEARING NO.CBN:C-18:MAAHAA 05:VIVA-182:2022-23 PASSED BY RESPONDENT NO.3 PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-B IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ALLOW THE RTI APPLICATION OF THE PETITIONER DATED 20-09-2022.





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

ORDER

The captioned petition is filed assailing the order passed by respondent No.2 as per Annexure-E and order passed by respondent No.3 as per Annexure-B. The petitioner has knocked the doors of this court on the premises that the petitioner is left remediless, as there is no sitting at Belagavi.

2. However, the learned standing counsel appearing for respondent No.1 on instruction submits that since there is no appointment to the post of Information Commissioner, petitioner has a remedy to seek transfer of his appeal pending before the Belagavi bench. If such an application is moved before the Chief Information Commissioner, Bengaluru, necessary steps would be taken and the appeal would be decided, in accordance with law.



3. Recording the statement made by learned standing counsel appearing for respondent No.1, this petition is disposed off.

4. Liberty is reserved to the petitioner to move before the Chief Information Commissioner, Bengaluru to seek appropriate orders in the pending appeal before the Belagavi bench.

Sd/-
JUDGE

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