DATED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018



PRESENT

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE DINESH MAHESHWARI, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNA S. DIXIT

W.A.Nos.844/2018 & 853/2018 (LB-RES) C/W

W.A.Nos.855-856/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.Nos.864/2018 & 871/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.866/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.Nos.867/2018 & 873/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.868/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. Nos.872/2018 & 911/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.875/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.876/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.377/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.879/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.880/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.887/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.888/2018(i.B-RES), W.A.Nos.897/2018 & 942/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.900/2018(LB-RES), W.A.No.901/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.909/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.913/2018 (LB-ELE). W.A.Nos. 914/2018 & 929/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.915/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.916/2018(LB-RES), W.A.No.917/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.919/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.925/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.926/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.928/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.930/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.932/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No. 933/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No. 940/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.941/2018 (LB-RES), W.A.No.944/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. Nos. 950/2018 & 994/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.951/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.957/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No. 960/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.961/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.979/2018 (LB-RES). W.A. No.982/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.989/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.990/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.993/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.1003/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A. No.1010/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.1014/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.1015/2018 (LB-ELE). W.A. No.1016/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A. No.1060/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. Nos.1062-1063/2018(LB-ELE), W.A.No.1064/2018(LB-ELE), W.A.No.1065/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.1073/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A.No.1076/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.1080/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A. No.1253/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. Nos.1282-1283/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A. No.899/2018 (LB-RES), W.A. No.1082/2018 (LB-RES) W.A. No.1224/2018 (LB-ELE), W.A. No.1254/2018 (LB-RES),

W.A. No.1270/2018 (LB-ELE)

IN W.A. NOs. 844/2018 & 853/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. LAKSHMAMMA
W/O DEVARAJA BHOVI
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
R/A MOOKANAHALLI VILLAGE
KASABA HOBLI
HUNSUR TALUK
MYSORE DIST-571105

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

... APPELLANT

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ
 M. S. BUILDING, AMBEDKAR STREET
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HUNSUR REVENUE SUB-DIVISION
 HUNSUR THALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 3. MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR THALUK
 REP. BY THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 HUNSUR THALUK,
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 4. SMT. ROOPA
 AGE MAJOR
 MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNASUR TALUK,
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 5. SRI MAHADEVA AGE MAJOR

MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH HUNASUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

- 6. SMT. MANI
 AGE MAJOR
 MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNASUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 7. SRI MADEVA
 AGE MAJOR
 MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNASUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 8. SMT. MAHADEVI S AGE MAJOR MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNASUR TALUK, MYSORE DIST-571105
- 9. SMT. KUSUMA
 AGE MAJOR
 MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNASUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 10. SRI PAPA BHOVI
 AGE MAJOR
 MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNASUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 11. SRI KUMAR AGE MAJOR MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNASUR TALUK, MYSORE DIST-571105

12. SRI SURESH
AGE MAJOR
MEMBER, MUKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
HUNASUR TALUK
MYSORE DIST-571105

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI B.J. SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R-3, R4, R8, R10 & R11 ARE SERVED, SERVICE OF NOTICE TO R5 – R7, R9 & R12 ARE DISPENSED WITH V/O DATED 05.06.2018)

THESE WRIT APPEALS ARE FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/2/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN THE WRIT PETITION NO.6577/2018 AND 7896/2018 [LB-RES].

IN W.A. NOs. 855-856/2018

BETWEEN

- 1. MAHESH K.H.
 S/O HUCHAPPA
 AGE 38 YEARS
 ADHYAKSHA, TALAGUPPA GRAMA PANCHAYAT
 R/O MADIVALA KERI, TALGUPPA
 SAGAR TALUK
 SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 430
- 2. SMT.SUJATHA M
 W/O MANJAPPA
 AGE 49 YEARS
 UPADHYAKSHA, TALAGUPPA GRAMA PANCHAYAT
 R/O RANGANATHA COLONY, TALGUPPA
 SAGAR TALUK, SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 430

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI MAHESH R. UPPIN, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT RAJ
 M.S.BUILDING, BANGALORE-560 001.
- ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAGAR SUB-DIVISION, SAGAR-577 401
- 3. TALAGUPPA GRAMA PANCHAYAT
 TALAGUPPA, SAGAR TALUK
 SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 430
 BY ITS PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDER! AGA FOR R1 & 2 AND SRI M.PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NOs. 864/2018 & 871/2018

BETWEEN

SRI H.C. SWAMY GOWDA S/O LATE CHIKKE GOWDA AGED 45 YEARS R/A HALLADAKOPLU VILLAGE BILIKERE HOBLI HUNASURU TALUK MYSORE DIST-571 105

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING, AMBEDKAR STREET
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HUNSURU REVENUE SUB DIVISION
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571 105
- 3. DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR TALUK
 REP. BY, THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 4. SRI GOVINDARAJU
 AGE:MAJOR
 MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 5. SMT SHARADAMMA
 AGE:MAJOR
 MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 6 SMT BHAGYA
 AGE:MAJOR
 MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSORE DIST-571105
- 7. SMT. SAKAMMA AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH

HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

8. SRI RAJU AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

9. SMT. KEMPAMMA AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

10. SMT. GAVI SWAMY AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

11. SRI MANJUNATH B AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

12. SRI DEVEGOWDA AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

13. SMT. SUMITRA AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

14. SMT VEENA D.M AGE:MAJOR MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH HUNSUR TALUK MYSORE DIST-571105

15. SRI SUNDAR RAJU S
AGE:MAJOR
MEMBER, DHARMAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
HUNSUR TALUK
MYSORE DIST-571105

. RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.A.S.PONNANNA, ADD!TIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI.H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 SRI.B.J.SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R3, R5, R7, R8, R9, R-14, SERVED WITH NOTICE R4, R6, R10, R11, R12, R13 & R15 SERVICE OF NOTICE DISPENSED WITH VIDE ORDER 05.06.2018)

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IN W.A. NO. 866/2018

BETWEEN

SRI CHANDRA NAIKA S/O JAMLA NAIKA AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS R/O GANJIGUNTE LAMBANIHATTI VILLAGE HIREMADURE POST, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577 501

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI SIDDAPPA B.M., ADVOCATE)

AND

1./ THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB-DIVISION, CHITRADURGA -577 501

2. SOMAGUDDI GRAMAPANCHAYATH
SOMAGUDDI, CHALLAKERE TALUK-577 522
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT
REPRESENTED BY ITS
THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & SRI M.PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP 3161/2018 DATED 28/2/2018 AND FURTHER BE PLEASED OF ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION BY ALLOWING THIS APPEAL.

IN W.A. NOs. 867/2018 & 873/2018

BETWEEN

- 1. SMT. MANJULA
 W/O NARASIMAHA MURTHY
 AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
 LOHITH NAGAR
 BASAVANAHALLI VILLAGE
 KASABA HOBLI
 NELAMANGALA POST & TALUK
 BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT
- 2. SRI NARASIMAHA MURTHY S/O NARASA ANJANAYAPPA AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS BASAVANAHALLI VILLAGE KASABA HOBLI NELAMANGALA POST & TALUK BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI CHANDRAKANTH R. PATEL, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
 AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 BY ITS SECRETARY
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT BANGALORE
- 3. BASAVANAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYAT BASAVANAHALLI NELAMANGALA TALUK BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT BY ITS SECRETARY

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI M.PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 868/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. GANGAMMA W/O.SANNABORAPPA AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS R/AT NAGARAMGERE NAGARAMGERE POST CHALLAKERE TALUK
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577522

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI MAHAMAD TAHIR A., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
 AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560 001
 BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB-DIVISION CHITRADURGA-577 509
- 3. NAGARMGERE GRAMA PANCHAYAT NAGARMGERE BY ITS SECRETARY NAGARMGERE POST CHALLAKERE TALUK CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577 522

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI M.PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NOs. 872/2018 & 911/2018

BETWEEN

- 1. B. N. JAGADISH
 S/O. NAGARAJMURTHY
 AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS
 R/AT BENAKANAHALLI VILLAGE AND POST
 SOSALE HOBLI
 T. NARASIPURA TALUK
 MYSORE DISTRICT-571 124
 (PRESIDENT
 BENAKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH)
- 2. SMT. BHAGYALAKSHMI
 W/O. NARAYANA
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 R/AT KOLEMALLANAHUNDI
 SOSALE HOBLI
 T. NARASIPURA TALUK
 MYSORE DISTRICT-571 124
 (VICE PRESIDENT
 BENAKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH)

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI SANGAMESH R.B., ADVCOATE)

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
 PANCHAYATH RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 MYSURU SUB DIVISION
 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
 MYSURU DISTRICT
 MYSURU-571 124

3. BENAKANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH SOSALE HOBLI T. NARASIPURA TALUK MYSORE DISTRICT-571 124 BY ITS SECRETARY

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & 2 AND R3 SERVED WITH NOTICE)

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IN W.A. NO. 875/2018

BETWEEN

SRI SANNANINGE GOWDA N S/O NINGE GOWDA AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS ADYAKSHA, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH PANDAVAPURA-571427 RESIDENT OF SEETHAPURA VILLAGE ARALAKUPPE POST-571427 PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI BHADRINATH R., ADVOCATE)

AND

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
PANCHAYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT
M.S. BUILDING
DR. B.R.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BENGALURU-560 001
BY ITS SECRETARY

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PANDAVAPURA SUB DIVISION PANDAVAPURA-571434 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 3. THE ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427 PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- 4. SMT. YASHODHA R.
 AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
 W/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 WORKING AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 PANDAVAPURA SUB DIVISION
 PANDAVAPURA-571434
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 5. SMT. JYOTHI
 W/O ARJUNA
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF SITAPURA VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 6. SRI. MAHADEVA S
 S/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
 MEMBER ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 7. SMT. PADMAMMA W/O MURUGESHA AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH

RESIDENT OF SITAPURA VILLAGE-571427 PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT

- 8. SRI DHANANJAYA
 S/O CHALUVE GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF J. MALLENAHALLI VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 9. SRI YOGESH
 S/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 10. SRI SOMASHEKARA S
 S/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 11. SRI H. MAHESH
 S/O HALE GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDING AT ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 12. SMT. SHWETHA
 W/O ASHOKA
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427

PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT

- 13. SMT. SHIVAMMA
 W/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 14. SMT. H.M.SHOBHA
 W/O DHANAJAYA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF SITAPURA VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 15. SRI. SOMA
 S/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 16. SRI. CHIDANANDA
 S/O NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF ARALAKUPPE VILLAGE-571427
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 17. SRI. VISHWANATHA
 S/O NARASIMHE GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARALAKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF SITAPURA VILLAGE-571427

PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & 2, SRI B.J.SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R3, SRI NANJUNDA REDDY, SR.COUNSEL FOR SRI J.C.KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R5 TO R17 R4 SERVED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 IN WP NO.4674/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT AND TO ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION FILED BY THE PETITIONER/APPELLANT IN WP NO.4674/2018 BEFORE THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT.

IN W.A. NO. 876/2018

BETWEEN

SRI RAMACHANDRAPPA B.
AGED ABOUT 68 YEARS
S/O. LATE V. BAIYANNA
R/AT CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
PRESIDENT OF CHILAKALANERPU
GRAMA PANCHAYATH
CHINTAMANI TALUK-563 125.
CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT.

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI R.BHADRINATH, ADVOCATE)

<u>AND</u>

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA

PANCHAYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT

M.S. BUILDING

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI

BENGALURLU 560001 BY ITS SECRETARY

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHICKBALLAPURA SUB DIVISION-562 101, CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 3. THE CHILAKALANERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH CHILAKALANERPU POST CHICKBALLAPURA TALUK-563125 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- 4. SRI Y SREERAMA REDDY
 S/O NOT KNOW
 AGED ABOUT 68 YEARS
 R/AT HOSAHUDYA VILLAGE
 MEMBER, CHILAKALANERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE & POST
 CHINTAMAN! TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 5. SRI N SUBBA REDDY
 AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
 S/O NOT KNOW
 R/AT T.DEVAPALLI VILLAGE
 MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
 CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 6. SRI T.Y. SUBBARAYAPPA
 S/O NOT KNOW
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 R/AT THULAVANURU VILLAGE
 MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
 CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT

- 7. SMT. NARASAMMA
 W/O NOT KNOW
 AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS
 R/AT T.GOLLAHALLI VILLAGE
 MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
 CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 8. SMT. ASHWANI
 W/O NOT KNOW
 AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
 R/AT T.GOLLAHALLI VILLAGE
 MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
 CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 9. SMT. MANJULA
 AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS
 W/O NOT KNOW
 R/AT T.GOLLAHALLI VILLAGE
 MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
 CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 10. SMT. LAKSHMIDEVAMMA
 W/O NOT KNOW
 AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
 R/AT HOSAHUDYA VILLAGE & POST
 MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
 CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
- 11. SRI M.C. VENKATARAMANAPPA S/O NOT KNOW AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS R/AT CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE & POST MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH

CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT

12. SMT. SARASWATHAMMA
W/O. NOT KNOW
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS
R/AT CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE & POST
MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT

13. SMT. N. LATHA
W/O NOT KNOW
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
R/AT CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE & POST
MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT

14. SMT. RAJAMMA
W/O NOT KNOW
AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS
R/AT CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE & POST
MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT

15. SRI SRINIVASA
S/O NOT KNOW
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS
R/AT MINCEHALLAHALLI VILLAGE
MEMBER, CHILAKALNERPU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
CHILAKALANERPU VILLAGE AND POST
CHINTAMANI TALUK-563125
CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 SRI N. PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3 SRI NANJUNDA REDDY, SR.ADVOCATE FOR SRI.J.C. KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R5 TO R14 AND R4 & R15 SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 877/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SUJATHA
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
W/O. S. KANTHARAJU
R/AT ANAKANAHALLI VILLAGE
PRESIDENT OF ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI R BHADRINATH, ADVOCATE)

AND

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
PANCHAYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT
M.S. BUILDING
DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
BENGALAURU-560001
BY ITS SECRETARY

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PANDAVAPURA SUB DIVISION PANDAVAPURA-571434 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 3. THE ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 ARANI VILLAGE
 NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT
 REP. BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- 4. SMT. THUNGA
 W/O. MUKUESH
 AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 R/AT SIDDAPURA VILLAGE, HONNAHALLI POST
 NAGAMANGALA TLAUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 5. SRI. RAVI KUMAR
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 S/O. CHANDRANNA
 MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 R/AT M. KODIHALLI VILLAGE, HONNAHALLI POST
 NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 6. SMT. RAMAMMA
 AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
 W/O. BASAVANNA
 MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 R/AT HONNAHALLI VILLAGE, HONNAHALLI POST
 NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT

- 7. SRI. JAGADISH
 S/O. GANGADARA GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 R/AT HONNAHALLI VILLAGE, HONNAHALLI POST
 NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 8. SRI. RAMESH
 S/O. DEVA GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA FANCHAYATH
 R/AT MANIMURE VILLAGE, HONNAHALLI POST
 NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 9. SRI. CHENNAKESHAVA @ KRISHANA GOWDA S/O. NAGAGOWDA AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH R/AT MYLANIHALLI VILLAGE, HONNAHALLI POST NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418 BELLUR HOBLI MANDYA DISTRICT
- 10. SMT. SUVARANAMMA
 W/O. KOTACHAIRI
 AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS
 MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 R/AT THIGALARAHALLI VILLAGE, ARANI POST
 HONNAHALLI POST
 NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
 BELLUR HOBLI
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 11. SRI. YOGESH S/O. THIMMAIAH GOWDA AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH

R/AT KANCHANAHALLI VILLAGE AND POST HONNAHALLI POST NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418 BELLUR HOBLI MANDYA DISTRICT

12. SMT. RATHANAMMA
D/O. DIWAKAR MURTHY
AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT KANCHANAHALLI VILLAGE, AND POST
HONNAHALLI POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

13. SRI. NATARAJU
S/O. NANJUDA GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT CHANDANAHALLI VILLAGE, KENCHANAHALLI POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

14. SRI. BALU
S/O. LINGA GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT ARANI VILLAGE, AND POST
HONNAHALLI POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

15. SRI. BASAVARAJ S/O. NINGA SHETTY AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH R/AT MANCHANAHALLI VILLAGE HONNAHALLI POST NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418 BELLUR HOBLI MANDYA DISTRICT

16. SMT. MANJAMMA
W/O. BASAVARAJ
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT MANCHANAHALLI VILLAGE
HONNAHALLI POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

17. SMT. SORAJAMMA
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS
W/O. W/O. HIRENNA
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT ARANI VILLAGE
AND POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

18. SRI. HARIKRISHANA
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
S/O. SHANKARILINGA GOWDA
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT SRINGAPURA VILLAGE
ARANI POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418
BELLUR HOBLI
MANDYA DISTRICT

19. SMT. SUVARANA
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
W/O. SHIVASHINKARA
MEMBER, ARANI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT K HOSAHALLI VILLAGE
ARANI POST
NAGAMANGALA TALUK-571 418

BELLUR HOBLI MANDYA DISTRICT

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI B.J.SOMAYAJI, FOR R3 AND R4 TO R19 SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 879/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. K.P. BORAMMA W/O T. MAHANTESH AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS LINGAVVANAGTHIHALLI BHARAMASAGARA HOBLI CHITRADURGA TALUK-577519

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI H DEVENDRAPPA, ADVOCATE)

- 1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB DIVISION CHITRADURGA-577 519
- 2. THE CHIKKABENNUR GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKKABENNUR
 CHITRADURGA TALUK-577 519
 REP BY P.D.O.

- 3. SRI ANJINAPPA S/O BARAMAPPA AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
- 4. SMT HANUMAKKA W/O NAGAPPA AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
- 5. SRI G.S. VEDAMURTHY S/O NAGENDRAPPA AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
- 6. SMT R. MANJULAMMA D/O RAJAPPA AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
- 7. SRI P. SURESH S/O PARAMESHWARAF PA AGED 38 YEARS
- 8. SRI VIJAYKUMAR S/O KENCHAVEERAPPA AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
- 9. SR! T VENKATESH
 S/O THIMAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
- 10. SMT SAVITHA
 W/O UMESH
 AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
- 11. SMT. JAYAMMA W/O THIPPESWAMY AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
- 12. SRI H T DEVARAJA S/O THIPPESWAMY AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS

- 13. SMT. REKHA
 W/O VIRUPAKSHAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
- 14. SMT. SHAHEENABANU W/O MD. AZIZ AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS

ALL ARE MEMBERS AND R/O. CHIKKABENNUR GRAM PANCHAYATH CHIKKABENNUR CHITRADURGA TALUK – 575 519

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGENDRA KUMAR K., ADVOCATE FOR C/R8, SRI GANAPATHY BHAT VAJRALL!, ADVOCATE FOR R8, SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI,AGA FOR R1, SRI K.V.SATEESH CHANDRA FOR R2, R3, R4, R7, R9, R10, R12 ARE SERVED NOTICE TO R5, R6, R11, R13, & R14 DISPENSED WITH)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER PASSED IN WP NO.1724/2018 DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN SO FAR AS IT PERTAINS TO WP NO.1724/2018 HEREIN AND CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION & ETC.

IN W.A. NO. 880/2018

<u>BETWEEN</u>

H.S. NANDEESH S/O H.M. SHANKARAPPA AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS ADHYAKSHA OF HARANAHALLI GRAMAPANCHAYATH HARANAHALLI, ARASIKERE TALUK HASSAN DISTRICT-573 103

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI S.V. PRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER HASSAN SUB DIVISION HASSAN-573201
- 2. GRAMAPANACHAYATH, HARANAHALLI REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY HARANAHALLI ARASIKERE TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT-573103

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R-1 & R2 - SERVED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WP NO.3970/2018 BY ALLOWING THIS WRIT APPEAL IN THE ENDS OF JUSTICE AND CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION IN WP NO.3970/2018 AS PRAYED FOR THEREIN.

<u>IN W.A. NO. 887/2018</u>

BETWEEN

SRI R. VIJAYKUMAR S/O REVANNA AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS MEDEHALLI POST CHITRADURGA TALUK-577502

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI H. DEVENDRAPPA, ADVOCATE)

- 1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB DIVISION CHITRADURGA-577 502
- 2. THE MEDEHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH MEDEHALLI CHITRADURGA TALUK-577 502 REP. BY ITS P. D. O.
- 3. SRI H. THIMMANNA S/O HANUMANTHAPPA AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS
- 4. SRI T MAHANTESH S/O THIPPESWAMY AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
- 5. SRI M. UJJINI SWAMY S/O MRUTHYUNJAYAPPA AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
- 6. SRI C. NAGARAJ S/O CHANDRAPPA AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
- 7. SRI V. THIMMESHI S/O VEERABHADRAPPA AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
- 8. SRI M. GOVINDARAJ S/O MALLESHAPPA AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
- 9. SRI R. MADHU KUMAR S/O M T RUDRAMANI AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS

- 10. SMT. S. KAMALAMMA W/O SRINIVAS AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
- 11. SMT. Y.M. NANDINI W/O UJJINE SWAMY AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
- 12. SMT. A. BHARGAVI REDDY W/O JAYARAM REDDY AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS
- 13. SMT. SHAHEENA BANU W/O BASHA SAB AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
- 14. SMT. VANAJAKSHAMMA W/O RUDRAPPA AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
- 15. SMT. JUGALI HANUMAKKA W/O ERAPPA AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
- 16. SMT. SUSHEELAMMA W/O MANJANNA AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS

ALL ARE MEMBERS AND R/O MEDEHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH MEDEHALLI CHITRADURGA TALUK-577 502

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1, SRI GANAPATHY BHAT VAJRALLI, ADVOCATE FOR R-3, SRI M.SATEESH CHANDRA, ADVOCATE FOR R-2, R-5 TO R-16 SERVED, R-4 NOTICE HELD SUFFICIENT VIDE ORDER 05.06.2018)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER PASSED IN WP NO.1779/2018 DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN SO FAR AS IT PERTAINS TO WP NO.1779/2018 HEREIN AND CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION & ETC.

IN W.A. NO. 888/2018

<u>BETWEEN</u>

SRI N.J. SURESH
S/O JAYAPPA N.M
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
PRESIDENT
NARAYANAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATHI
R/O NARAYANAPURA VILLAGE
JAVOOR POST
SHIVANI HOBLI
TARIKERE TALUK-577145
CHICKMAGALUR DIST

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI ONKARA K.B., ADVOCATE)

- 1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TARIKERE SUB DIVISION TARIKERE-577228 CHIKMAGALUR DIST
- 2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHIKMAGALORE DISTRICT CHIKMAGALORE-577101
- 3. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
 PANCHAYATH RAJ

M.S. BUILDING BANGALORE-01

- 4. B.M. MALLESHAPPA
 S/O MURUGEPPA
 AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH MEMBER NARAYANAPURA
 R/O BANKANAKATTE VILLAGE
 JAVOOR POST
 TAREKERE TALUK
 CHIKMAGALURU DIST-577145
- 5. HEMAVATHI
 W/O SHIVAMURTHY B
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH MEMEBR NARAYANAPUR
 R/O BANKANAKATTE VILALGE
 JAVOOR POST TAREKERE TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALORE DIST-577145
- 6. B E RAJAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 S/O ESWARAPPA
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH MEMBER NARAYANAPUR
 R/O BANKANAKATTE VILLAGE
 JAYOOR POST
 TAREKERE TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALURU DIST-577145
- 7. T SHAILA
 AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
 W/O THIMMAPPA
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH MEMBER NARAYANAPUR
 R/O BANAKANAKATTE VILLAGE
 JAVOOR POST
 TAREKERE TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALURU DIST-577145
- 8. PUTTAMMA AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS W/O THIMMAPPA

GRAMA PANCHAYATH MEMBER NARAYANAPUR R/O BANKANAKATTE VILALGE JAVOOR POST TAREKERE TALUK CHIKKAMAGALUR DIST-577145

9. M.G. SURESH
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
S/O GURUMURTHY
GRAMA PANCHAYATH MEMBER NARAYANAPUR
R/O M HOSAHALLI VILLAGE
KATEGANERE POST
TAREKERE TALUK
CHIKKAMAGALUR DIST-577145

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 - R3 & SRI BASAVARAJ PUJAR S., ADVOCATE FOR R4 - R9)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WRIT PET!TION NO.5953/2018 [LB-RES] AS PER ANNEXURE-A AND ALLOW THE WRIT APPEAL AS PRAYED FOR.

IN W.A. NOs. 897/2018 & 942/2018

BETWEEN

1. SMT. CHANDRAKALA M.R.
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
W/O SHRINIVASA
PRESIDENT
MELINABESIGE VILLAGE PANCHAYATH
R/O MANASETTE
MELINABESIGE
HOSANAGAR TALUK
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577426

2. SMT. SUVARNA S.G.
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
W/O SIDDESHWARA
VICE PRESIDENT
MELINABESIGE VILLAGE PANCHAYATH
R/O HOSANAGAR TALUK
SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577426

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI CHIDAMBARA G.S., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
 VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU-560 001
- 2. THE SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAGAR SUB DIVISION SAGAR, SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577301
- 3. THE MELINA BESIGE GRAMA PANCHAYAT
 MELINA BESIGE
 HOSANAGARA TALUK
 SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577426
 REPRESENTED BY ITS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI M. PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION IN WP NOS.6009-6010/2018 AS PRAYED FOR THEREIN.

IN W.A. NO. 900/2018

BETWEEN

SRI H.R. RAMESHA
SON OF SRI. RAMAKRISHNA H.B.
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS,
HOSAKERE VILLGE
AMRUTHUR HOBLI
KUNIGAL TALUK
TUMAKUR DISTRICT
KARNATAKA-572 111

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI C.R. GOPALASWAMY, ADVOCATE)

- 1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 KUNIGAL SUB DIVISION
 MINI VIDHANA SOUDHA
 TUMAKURU
 KARNATAKA -572101
- 2. THE JENNAGEREGRAMA PANCHAYATH JENNAGERE VILLAGE AMRUTHUR HOBLI KUNIGAL TALUK TUMAKURU DISTRICT KARNATAKA 572111 REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- 3. PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 JENNAGERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 JENNAGERE VILLAGE
 AMRUTHUR HOBLI,

KUNIGAL TALUK TUMAKURU DISTRICT KARNATAKA-572111

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W & SRI.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 AND SRI SACHIN B.S., ADVOCATE FOR C/R2 & R3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE JUDGEMENT AND ORDER PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT, DATED 28/02/2018, VIDE WP NO.1950/2018 CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION & ETC.

IN W.A. NO. 901/2018

<u>BETWEEN</u>

PADMAVATHI. T. C.
W/O. T. N. CHANNEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
MEMBER KANTHAPURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
NAGAMANGALA TALUK
R/O. NO.70/1, THATTEKERE VILLAGE
NAGAMANGALA TALUK
MANDYA DISTRICT-571 432

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI SYED AKBAR PASHA, ADVOCATE)

<u>AND</u>

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE-560 001

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PANDAVAPURA SUB DIVISION PANDAVAPURA MANDYA DISTRICT-571 434
- 3. THE SECRETARY
 KANTHAPURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 KANTHAPURA
 NAGAMANAGALA TALUK
 MANDYA DISTRICT-571 432

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI B.J.SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS APPEAL BY SETTING ASIDE THE JUDGEMENT PASSED BY THE SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WP NO.8146/2018 DATED 28/02/2018 AND FURTHER GRANT RELIEF AS PRAYED FOR IN THE WRIT PETITION NO.8146/2018.

IN W.A. NO. 909/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. MANJULA G. W/O. REVANNA AGED ABOUT 23 YEARS R/AT GOLDSMITH ROAD TYAMAGONDLU TOWN NELAMANGALA TALUK BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT-562 123

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI MAHAMMED TAHIR A., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPERTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 M.S. BUILDING,
 BANGALORE 560001
 BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SUB DIVISION, DODDABALLAPUR BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT-561203
- 3. TYAMAGONDLU GRAMA PANCHAYAT TYAMAGONDLU, NELAMANGALA TALUK BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT-562123 BY ITS SECRETARY

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND R-3 SERVED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS APPEAL, BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 IN WRIT PETITION NO.4676/2018 BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE AND GRANT THE PRAYERS AS PRAYED FOR IN THE WRIT PETITION NO.4676/2018.

IN W.A. NO. 913/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SOUMYA K.P. AGE 38 YEARS PRESIDENT CHENNIGA GRAMA PANCHAYATH R/AT HOISALALU INNAPURA POST MUDIGERE TALUK
CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577132

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI LOHITASWA BANAKAR, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 VIKASA SOUDHA
 AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BANGALORE-560001
 BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT CHIKKAMAGALURÜ-577132
- 3. THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CHENNIGA GRAMA PANCHAYATH MUDIGERE TALUK CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577132

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & 2 AND SRI K.B. ONKARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.4958/2018 [LB-ELE] & ETC.

IN W.A. NOs. 914/2018 & 929/2018

<u>BETWEEN</u>

 SMT. SARASAMMA W/O RAMEGOWDA AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
PRESIDENT
BYADARAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
BYADARAHALLI, K.R.NAGAR TALUK
MYSURU DISTRICT-571 602.

2. SRI. RAMEGOWDA. B
S/O LATE BILIGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 65 YEARS
VICE PRESIDENT
BYADARAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
BYADARAHALLI
K.R.NAGAR TALUK
MYSURU DISTRICT-571 602

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU-560 001
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HUNSUR SUB-DIVISION
 HUNSUR
 MYSURU DISTRICT-571 105
- THE BYADARAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 BYADARAHALLI, K.R. NAGAR TALUK,
 MYSURU DISTRICT-571 602
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI B.J. SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 915/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. HEMALATHA N.
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
W/O CHANDRASHEKAR
PRESIDENT OF
LALANDEVANAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT: LALANDEVANAHALLI VILLAGE
KASABA HOBLI
K.R.NAGAR TALUK
MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 602

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIDHANASOUDHA
 BENGALURU 560 001
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HUNSUR SUB-DIVISION
 HUNSUR
 MYSURU DISTRICT 571 105
- 3. THE LALANDEVANAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH LALANDEVANAHALLI K.R.NAGAR TALUK MYSURU DISTRICT 571 602

REPRESENTED BY ITS
PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI B.J. SOMAYAJI, FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 916/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. MANJULA. R W/O CHANDRASHEKAR AGED 28 YEARS PRESIDENT OF S. NERALAKERE GRAM PANCHAYAT HOSADURGA TALUK CHITRADUGA DIST-577501

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

AND.

- 1. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
 PANCHAYATH DEPARTMENT
 VIKASA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560001
- 2. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA-577501
- 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER TALUK PANCHAYATH

HOSADURGA TALUK CHITRADURGA DIST-577501

4. PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER
S. NERALAKERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
HOSADURGA TALUK
CHITRADURGA DIST-577501

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI B. AMARNATH & SRI K.KISHOR KUMAR, ADVOCATES FOR R4 & R3 - SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 917/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. GEETHA D.
W/O SRI RANGANATH
AGED 34 YEARS
PRESIDENT, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
MAGADI TALUK
RAMANAGAR DISTRICT
RESIDENT OF KARALAMANGALA
VILLAGE & POST
MADABALLA HOBLI
MAGADI TALUK
RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561 201

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI PRASANNA KUMAR P., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PRL. SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 & PANCHAYATH RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BENGALURU-560 001
- 2. ASST. COMMISSIONER RAMNAGAR-571 511
- 3. THE SECRETARY OF
 HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 VEEREGOWDANA DODDI VILLAGE
 MADABALLA HOBLI
 MAGADI TALUK
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-571 511
- 4. SMT. MANJULA
 W/O A.B. LOKESH
 AGED 45 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF MANCHENABELLE
 VILLAGE & POST
 MADABALLA HOBLI
 MAGADI TALUK
 RAMNAGAR DISTRICT-571 511
- 5. SIDDAPPAJI
 S/O LATE SIDDAIAH
 AGED 52 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 R/AT KILLEDARANA PALYA
 VILLAGE, KARALAMANGALA POST
 MAGADI TALUK
 MADABALLA HOBLI
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561 201

- 6. GANGANARASIMHAIAH
 S/O LATE KAMBAIAH
 AGED 50 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 NAIKANA PALYA
 RESIDENT OF V.G. DODDI POST
 MAGADI TALUK, MADABALLA HOBLI
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561201
- 7. SMT. LEELAVATHI
 W/O D.C. NARASIMHAIAH
 AGED 35 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF DABBAGULI VILALGE
 MANCHENABELA POST
 MAGADI TALUK
 MADABALLA HOBLI
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561 201
- 8. SMT. GANGEBAI
 W/O MR KRISHNA NAIKA
 AGED 55 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF V.G. DODDI VILALGE & POST
 MAGADI TALUK
 MADABALLA HOBLI
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561201.
- 9. KALIMUTHAIAH S/O LATE VENKATAMUTHAIAH AGED 58 YEARS MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH RESIDENT OF AVERAHALLI MANCHENABELE POST MAGADI TALUK, MADABALLA HOBLI RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561201
- 10. SMT. GOWRAMMA
 W/O MR. CHANDRANNA
 AGED 65 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH

RESIDENT OF V.G. DODDI VILALGE & POST MAGADI TALUK MADABALLA HOBLI RAMANAGAR DISTRICT 561 201

- 11. SMT. NASEEM TAJ
 W/O MR GULZAR SHARIEF
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF SAVANDURGA
 V.G. DODDI PLOST
 MAGADI TALUK
 MADABALLA HOBI
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT 561 201
- 12. NAZEER AHMED
 S/O LATE MOHAMMED GOUSE
 AGED 60 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF HANCHIKUPPE
 V.G. DODD! POST
 MAGAD! TALUK
 MADABALLA HOBL!
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-561201
- 13. SMT. JAYAMMA
 W/O MR RAMACHANDRAIAH
 AGED 55 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF RAMKALPALYA
 V.G. DODDI POST
 MAGADI TALUK, MADABALLA HOBLI
 RAMANAGARA DISTRICT-561 201
- 14. CHANDRASEKARAIAH V.S.
 S/O MR SHIVANNA
 AGED 35 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUKPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF V.G. DODDI VILALGE & POST
 MAGADI TALUK, MADABALLA HOBLI
 RAMNAGAR DISTRICT-561 201.

- 15. JAGADISH M.G
 S/O MR GIRIAPPA
 AGED 35 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF MANCHENABELLE
 VILALGE & POST
 MADABALLA HOBLI, MAGADI TALUK
 RAMANAGARA DISTRICT-571 511
- 16. SMT. CHANDRAMMA
 W/O MR UMESH
 AGED 35 YEARS
 MEMBER, HANCHIKUPPE GRAM PANCHAYATH
 RESIDENT OF MANCHENABELLE
 VILLAGE & POST
 MADABALLA HOBLI, MAGADI TALUK
 RAMANAGAR DISTRICT-571 511

... RESPONDENTS

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IN W.A. NO. 919/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SUKANYA K.P. W/O H.K. DEVARAJU AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS RESIDENT AT HOSAKOTE VILLAGE HALEBEEDU, MALUKOTE HOBLI PANDAVAPURA-571427 PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI BHADRINATH R., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 PANCHAYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT
 M.S. BUILDING
 DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BENGALURU-560 001
 BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PANDAVAPURA SUB DIVISION PANDAVAPURA-571434 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 3. THE HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH HALEBEEDU VILLAGE-571427 PANDAVAPURA TALUK MANDYA DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- 4. SRI B.S. NANJA GOWDA
 S/O LATE SREEKANTA GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
 RESIDING AT BOLLANAHALLI VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 5. SRI CHENNA GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 S/O NINGA GOWDA
 RESIDING AT HOSAKOTE VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT

- 6. SRI C.K. CHENNA GOWDA
 S/O KARRI GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 RESIDING AT CHAKKANA HAIL VILLAGE
 MEMEBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 7. SRI CHANDRA GOWDA
 S/O MAYA GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS
 RESIDING AT ANNUYANA HALLI
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 8. SRI N.C. KENGALA SHEETY
 S/O CHIKKA HIDA SHETTY
 AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS
 RESIDING AT NARAHALL! VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 9. SRI SWAMY N.J S/O JAYARAIYA AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS RESIDING AT NARAHALLI MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 10. SMT. GEETHA SHIVANNA
 W/O M.C. SHIVANNA
 AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS
 RESIDING AT MUDDALLATHAPPULA VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT

- 11. SRI SREEDHARA
 S/O VARDA CHARY
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 RESIDING AT HALEBEEDU VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 12. SMT. NINGAMMA @ PREMA
 W/O NEPPA GOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
 RESIDING AT HOSKOTE VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427, MANDYA DISTRICT
- 13. SMT. BHAGAYAMMA
 W/O L. LAKSHMANA SHEET
 AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS
 RESIDING AT CHAKKANA HA!L VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427, MANDYA DISTRICT
- 14. SMT. LATHA
 W/O KULLA GOWDA H K
 AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,
 RESIDING AT HALEBEEDU VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 15. SMT. JAY LAKSHAMMA
 W/O. SHIVALINGA NAYAK
 AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
 RESIDING AT BOLLANAHALLI VILLAGE
 MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
 MANDYA DISTRICT
- 16. SMT. PUSHPA S/O PUTTASWAMY AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS

RESIDING AT ANNUYANAHALLI VILLAGE MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427 MANDYA DISTRICT

17. SRI JAVARA GOWDA
S/O DODDNNA GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
RESIDING AT MAYANAGERA VILLAGE
MEMBER, HALEBEEDU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
PANDAVAPURA TALUK-571427
MANDYA DISTRICT

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2. SRI B.J.SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R3, SRI D.N.NANJUNDA REDDY, SR.ADVOCATE FOR SRI J.C.KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R4 TO R17)

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IN W. A. NO. 925/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. JYOTH! W/O VENKATESH SHETTY AGED 35 YEARS KUNAGAHALLI VILLAGE & POST KOLLEGAL TALUK CHAMARAJANAGAR DIST-571442

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI SADASHIVAIAH K.G., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH
 RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 M.S.BUILDING, AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BENGALURU-560001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER KOLLEGAL TALUK, CHAMARAJANAGAR DIST-571440
- 3. KUNAGALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 KUNAGALLI VILLAGE
 REP. BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 KOLLEGAL TALUK
 CHAMARAJARNAGAR DIST-571442

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDER!, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI D.V.GIRISH, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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<u>IN W.A. NO. 926/2018</u>

BETWEEN.

SMT. KALYANAMMA W/O. MAHADEVA SHETTY AGED 45 YEARS NANJANSWAMY NAGAR MADHUVANAHALLI VILLAGE KOLLEGAL TALUK CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT-571 440

APPELLANT

(BY SRI SADASHIVAIAH K.G., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 BENGALURU-560 001
 REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 KOLLEGAL TALUK
 CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT-571 440
- 3. MADHUVANAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 MADHUVANAHALLI VILLAGE
 REP. BY ITS PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 KOLLEGAL TALUK
 CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT-571 440

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI D.V.GIRISH, ADVOCATE FOR R-3)

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IN W.A. NO. 928/2018

BETWEEN

HANUMANTHAMMA W/O NAGENDRAPPA AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
ADHYAKSHA, GRAMA PANCHAYATH
TIMLAPURA, THARAGANAHALLI
HONNALI TALUK
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-573103

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI S.V. PRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATHRAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 BENGALURU-560 001
- 2. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER DAVANAGERE SUBDIVISION DAVANAGERE-577101 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 3. GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 THIMMLAPURA
 HONNALI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-573101
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI GIRI GOWDA .C., ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 930/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. REKHA
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
W/O SRI BINDUSARA S
R/A H. HOSAHALLI
DABBE POST
BELUEU TALUK
HASSAN DISTRICT-570 115

(BY SRI P.P. HEGDE, ADVOCATE)

... APPELLANT

AND

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAKLESHAPURA SUB DIVISION SAKLESHAPURA-573134

... RESPONDENT

(BY SRI.A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDER!, AGA)

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IN W.A. NO. 932/2018

BETWEEN.

SMT. SUMITHRA W/O K.M.NAGARAJA AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS R/AT CHIKKA KURUBARAHALLI VILLAGE BEECHAGANAHALLI POST GUDIBANDE TALUK-561 209 CHIKKABALLAPURA DISTRICT PRESIDENT

APPELLANT

(BY SRI ADINARAYANA, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REPT. BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ
 M.S.BUILDING
 DR.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BENGALURU-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHICKBALLAPURA SUB-DIVISION CHICKBALLAPURA-562 101
- 3. THE BEECHAGANAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 BEECHAGANAHALLI VILLAGE
 GUDIBANDE TALUK-561209
 CHICKBALLAPURA DISTRICT
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND R3 - SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 933/2018

BETWEEN

SRI H.R. ESHWAR
S/O RAJEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
R/A HANUMIDI VILLAGE
BELUR TALUK
HASSAN DISTRICT-573234
PRESIDENT
NARAYANAPURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
BELUR TALUK
HASSAN DISTRICT

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI P.P. HEGDE, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAKALESHAPUR SUB-DIVISION SAKALESHAPUR TALUK HASSAN DISTRICT-573214
- 2. DEPUTY COMM!SSIONER HASSAN DISTRICT HASSAN-573201
- 3. PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER NARAYANAPURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH BELUR TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT-573214
- 4. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ
 3RD GATE, 3RD FLOOR
 M.S. BUILDING, BENGALURU-560001

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1, R2 & R4 AND SRI JAGADEESH H.T., ADVOCATE FOR R-3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2013 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.4446/2018 [LB-RES] BY ALLOWING THIS WRIT APPEAL AND CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WP NO.4446/2018 [LB-RES] AS PRAYED FOR THEREIN.

IN W.A. NO. 940/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. LALITHAMMA W/O. RAJAPPA R/O. GOWRAMMANAHALLI THORANAGATTE POST JAGALUR TALUK-577528 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT.

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI HANUMANTHAPPA A., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER HARAPANAHALLI REVENUE SUB DIVISION HARAPANAHALLI-583131 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 2. THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER KALLE DEVARAPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH, JAGALUR TALUK-577528 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- THE BLOCK DEVELOLPMENT OFFICER
 JAGALUR TOWN, JAGALUR TALUK-577528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1, SRI M.PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R2 AND R3 - SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 941/2018

BETWEEN

SRI ANANDRAJ URS K.R.
S/O. T. RAMARAJU. T
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS
PRESIDENT
KARTIKERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH
CHIKKAMAGALUR TALUK AND DISTRICT
RESIDENT OF KARTIKERE VILLAGE
CHIKKAMAGALURU TALUK
CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI CHANDRAKANTH R. GOULAY, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REP. BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
 PANCHAYATHRAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 BENGALURU-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHIKKAMAGALURU SUB DIVISION CHIKKAMAGALURU-577 101
- THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 KARTIKERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH

CHIKKAMAGALURU TALUK CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI K.B.ONKARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 944/2018

BETWEEN

T.V. MOHAN S/O LATE VENKAPPA AGED 48 YEARS R/A TARALU VILLAGE UTTARAHALLI HOBLI BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK

AND ALSO THE PRESIDENT TARALU VILLAGE PANCHAYATH AT TARALU VILLAGE UTTARAHALLI HOBLI BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK BENGALURU-560 082

(BY SRI D.R. RAVISHANKAR, ADVOCATE)

... APPELLANT

<u>AND</u>

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ

M.S. BUILDING BENGALURU-560001

- 2. ASST. COMMISSIONER
 BENGALURU SOUTH SUB-DIVISION
 KANDAYA BHAVAN, 2ND FLOOR
 K.G. BUILDING
 BANGALORE-560009
- 3. TARALU VILLAGE PANCHAYATH,
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PANCHAYATH.
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 UTTARAHALLI HOBLI
 BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK
 BENGALURU-560082

... RESPONDENTS

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IN W.A. NO. 950/2018 & 994/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. PREMA. N W/O. M. RAVI AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS R/AT KAIMARA VILLAGE CHIKAMAGALUR TALUK CHIKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577 101

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PACHAYATH RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 AMBEDKAR STREET
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHIKMAGALUR REVENUE SUB-DIVISION CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101
- 3. ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 REP. BY THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 CHIKMAGALURU TALUK AND DISTRICT-577 101
- 4. SMT. HEMAVATHI. T. P.
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER
 ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101
- 5. SMT. GAYATHRI DRUVEESH
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER & UPADHYAKSHYA
 ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101
- 6. SMT. BABY KRISHNA
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER
 ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

7. SMT. MEENAKSHI JAGADEESH
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

8. SMT. LEELA PARAMESH
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

9. SRI. B. P. HALESH
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK,
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

10. SRI. D. RAVI
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

11. SRI. B. PRADEEP
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

12. SRI. N. GOPALAKRISHNA
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

13. SRI. RAMESHA. M
AGE: MAJOR
MEMBER
ALLAMPURA GRAM PANCHAYATH
CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
CHIKMAGALURU DISTRICT-577 101

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI K.B.ONKARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3, VIDE ORDER DATED: 22.03.2018 SERVICE OF NOTICE TO R4 TO R13 IS DISPENSED WITH)

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IN W.A. NO. 951/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SHARADA M.S. W/O GOPAL D AGED 49 YEARS R/A ARISHINAGUPPE VILLAGE CHIKMAGALUR TALUK CHIKMAGALUR DIST-577 101

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI PRAKASH M.H., ADVOCATE)

AND

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ M.S. BUILDING, AMBEDKAR STREET BANGALORE-560001

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHIKMAGALUR, REVENUE SUB-DIVISION CHIKMAGALUR DIST-577101
- 3. DASARAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 REP. BY THE PANCHAYATH
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK & DIST-577101
- 4. M.B. SATHISH
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER, DASRAHALLI
 GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALUR DIST-577101
- 5. H.N. CHANDRASHEKHAR
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER, DASARAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALUR DIST-577101
- 6. SMT. RADHAMMA
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER, DASARAHALLI
 GRAM PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALUR DIST-577101
- 7. SMT SHOBHA J.D.
 AGE: MAJOR
 MEMBER, DASARAHALLI
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHIKMAGALUR TALUK
 CHIKMAGALUR DIST-577101

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI K.B.ONKARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3 & VIDE ORDER DATED: 22.03.2018 SERVICE OF NOTICE TO R4 TO R7 IS DISPENSED WITH)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.5027/2018 [LB-RES].

IN W.A. NO. 957/2018

BETWEEN

SRI VENKATAPPA @
VENKATAPPA NAIDU
S/O ANNAPPA NAIDU
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
R/A KANGANDLAHALLI VILLAGE
KYASAMBALLI HOBLI
BANGARAPET TALUK
KOLAR DISTRICT-563 116

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI M. SHIVAPRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

AND.

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560001
- 2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT
 RAJ RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 STATE OF KARNATAKA
 VIKASA SOUDHA, BANGALORE-560001

- 3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER KOLAR SUB DIVISION, KOLAR-563101
- 4. THE KANGANDLAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYAT KANGANDLAHALLI REP. BY ITS PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER KANGADLAHALLI, BANGARPET TALUK KOLAR DISTRICT-563116

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 TO R3) SRI M.PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R4 & SRI M. NARAYANA REDDY, ADVOCATE FOR R4 -- VK FILED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER PASSED IN WP NO.6532/2018 DATED 28/02/2018 ON THE FILE OF LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE, CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION AND QUASH THE IMPUGNED NOTICE AND PROCEEDINGS.

IN W.A. NO. 960/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. REKHA CHIKKERI
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS
W/O MAHADEVA
WORKING AS PRESIDENT
GRAMA PANCHAYATH RAMMANA HALLI
TALUK & DISTRICT MYSORE
R/O NO.271,KARIKALLI BEEDHI
1ST BLOCK,RAMMANAHALLI
MYSORE-570 019

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI CHANDRAKANTH R GOULAY, ADVOCATE)

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYARAJ M.S.BUILDING BENGALURU-560 001

2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MYSORE SUB DIVISION MYSURU-570 019

.. RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2)

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IN W.A. NO. 961/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. GEETHA RAJASHEKAR
W/O RAJASHEKHAR
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
WORKING AS VICE PRESIDENT
GRAMA PANCHAYATH RAMMANA HALLI
TALUK AND DISTRICT MYSORE
RESIDENT OF 685,
MAHADEVAPURA MAIN ROAD
RAMMANAHALLI MAIN ROAD
MYSORE-570018

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI CHANDRAKANTH R. GOULAY, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REP. BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
 PANCHAYARAJ
 M.S.BUILDING
 BENGALURU-560001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MYSORE SUB DIVISION MYSURU-570018

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2)

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IN W.A. NO. 979/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. BASAMMA
W/O GOWDLAR MURUGENDRAPPA
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
PRESIDENT, NUGGIHALLY GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT NUGGIHALLY, NEETHIGERE POST
CHANNAGIRI TALUK,
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
PIN CODE:577 215

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI MAHESH R UPPIN, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
 PANCHAYATH RAJ
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 M.S. BUILDING
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER DAVANAGERE SUB-DIVISION DAVANAGERE DISTRICT PIN CODE-577 002
- 3. THE SECRETARY/PANCHAYATH
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 NUGGIHALLY GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHANNAGIRI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 PIN CODE-577 215.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI RAGHUNANDAN M.G., ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL, BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 IN WP NO.6234/2018 [LB-RES] PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT AND GRANT THE PRAYERS AS PRAYED FOR IN THE WRIT PETITION NO.6234/2018 [LB-RES].

IN W.A. NO. 982/2018

BETWEEN

SRI K. JAGADEESH S/O R. KAMBANNA AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
VICE PRESIDENT
YERABALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT KANDIKERE VILLAGE
IMANGALA HOBLI
HIRIYUR TALUK
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT -577545

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI H.K. KENCHEGOWDA, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPEMNT &
 PANCHAYATH RAJ
 REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 M.S. BUILDING
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577501
- 3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB-DIVSIION CHITRADURGA DISTRICT -577 501
- 4. THE SECRETARY/PANCHAYATH
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 YARABALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 HIRIYUR TALUK
 CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577 545

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1-R3 AND SRI M.R. MAHESH, ADVOCATE FOR R4 – VK FILED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL, BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 IN WP NO.5395/2018 [LB-RES]

PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT AND GRANT THE PRAYERS AS PRAYED FOR IN THE WRIT PETITION NO.5395/2018 [LB-RES].

IN W.A. NO. 989/2018

<u>BETWEEN</u>

SMT. SUMITHRA W/O. NAGARAJU AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS R/AT CHORADI SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT PIN-577 423

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI ARUN A. GADAG, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATH RAJ AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560 001
 BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577201
- 3. CHORADI GRAMA PANCHAYAT SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT AND TALUK PIN-577 423

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI H.VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI R. SHARATH CHANDRA, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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FOLLOWING ORDERS. SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WRIT PETITION NO. 5911/2018 [LB-RES].

IN W.A. NO. 990/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SHYAMALA T.B.
AGED 35 YEARS
JAVALI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT PURADAMAKKI
JAVALI POST
MUDIGERE TALUK
CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577132

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI LOHITASWA BANAKAR, ADVOCATE)

<u>AND</u>

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 VIKASA SOUDHA, AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BANGALORE-560 001
 BY ITS SECREARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT CHIKKAMAGALUR-577132
- 3. THE PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER JAVALI GRAMA PANCHAYATH MUDIGERE TALUK CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577132
- 4. THE ASST. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
 OFFICE OF THE PWD AND INSLAND
 WATE TRANSPORT
 MUDIGERE, MUDIGERE TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT-577132

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI K.B.ONKARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3 & R4 - SERVED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 08/03/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.8678/2018 [LB-RES].

IN W.A. NO. 993/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. THIPPAMMA W/O VADRABASAPPA AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS KONDLAHALLI VILLAGE MOLLKALMUR TALUK CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI DEEPAK J., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 PANCHAYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT AND
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BENGALURU-560 001
 BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB DIVISION CHITRADURGA-577501
- 3. KONDLAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYAT KONDLAHALLI MOLLKALMUR TALUQ

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577535
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2) SRI M PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 1003/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. S. ANILAMMA
W/O RANGASWAMY
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS
PRESIDENT, VANI VILAS PURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
AMMANAHATTI
KURUBARAHALLI POST
HIRIYUR TALUK
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT
PIN CODE: 577 599

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI H.K. KENCHEGOWDA, ADVOCATE)

AND

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
PANCHAYATH RAJ
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
M.S. BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560001

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB-DIVISION CHITRADURGA DISTRICT PIN CODE: 577501
- 3. THE SECRETARY / PANCHAYATH
 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 VANI VILAS PURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 HIRIYUR TALUK
 CHITRADURGA DISTRICT
 PIN CODE: 577599

.. RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI D.V. GIRISH, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO ALLOW THE APPEAL, BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 IN WP NO.3848/2018 [LB-ELE] PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT AND GRANT THE PRAYERS AS PRAYED FOR IN THE WRIT PETITION NO.3848/2018 [LB-ELE].

IN W.A. NO. 1010/2018

<u>BETWEEN</u>

SMT. RENUKAMMA W/O SHIVAMURTHY AGED 40 YEARS ADHYAKSHA MATHIKOTE GRAMA PANCHAYAT R/O MATHIKOTE, SHIKARIPURA TALUK SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 427

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI MAHESH R. UPPIN, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS SECRETARY TO
 THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOMENT
 & PANCHAYAT RAJ
 M.S.BUILDING
 BANGALORE-560 001
- 2. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAGAR SUB-DIVISION SAGAR-577 401
- 3. MATHIKOTE GRAMA PANCHAYAT
 MATHIKOTE, SAGAR TALUK
 SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT-577 430
 BY ITS PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDER!, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI M. PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 16/03/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.11869/2018 AND ALLOW THIS WRIT APPEAL.

<u>IN W.A. NO. 1014/2018</u>

BETWEEN

SMT. CHOWDAMMA W/O THIPPESWAMY AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS ADHYAKSHA/PRESIDENT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT R/O HOSALLI VILLAGE JAGALAURU TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-577 528.

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI M.R. RAJAGOPAL, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
 & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIKASA SOUDHA
 BENGALURU-560 001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER HARAPANAHALLI SUB DIVISION HARAPANAHALLI-583 101 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 3. THE ZILLA PANCHAYAT
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 LOKIKERE ROAD
 DAVANAGERE-577 002
 BY ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- 4. THE TALUK PANCHAYAT
 JAGALURU TALUK
 JAGALURU BIDAREKERE ROAD
 JAGALURU-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- 5. THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 DONNEHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT
 DONNEHALLI
 JAGALURU TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-577 528
- 6. SRI NAGARAJA G.T. S/O THIPPANNA AGED 35 YEARS

R/AT MARENAHALLI VILLGE & POST JAGALURU TALUK-577 528 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT

- 7. SMT.PUSHPALATHA
 W/O RAJAIAH
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLGE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 8. SMT. ANJANAMMA
 W/O CHANDRASHEKAR
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 R/AT MARENAHALLI VILLAGE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 9. SRI K.BASAVARAJA S/O KRISHNAPPA AGE ABOUT 45 YEARS R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE & POST JAGALURU TALUK-577 528 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 10. SMT. R.BHARATHAMMA
 W/O MALLIKARJUNA
 AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
 R/O BANGARAKKANA GUDDA
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 11. SRI K.BASAVARAJA
 S/O KRISHNAPPA
 AGE ABOUT 33 YEARS
 R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 12. SRI H.THIPPESWAMY S/O HAMPAPPAN

AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE & POST JAGALURU TALUK-577 528 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT

- 13. SMT. THIPPAMMA
 W/O DURGAPPA MACHIKERE
 MAJOR IN AGE
 R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 14. SRI H.T.NAGARAJA
 S/O THIMMASWTTY
 AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
 R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 15. SMT. MANJAMMA
 W/O RUDRAMUNIYAPA
 AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
 R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 16. SMT. BHAGYAMMA
 W/O NAGENDRAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS
 R/AT MARENAHALLI VILLAGE & POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 17. SMT. PALAMMA
 W/O BASANNA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 R/AT HONNAMARADI VILLAGE
 DONNEHALLI POST
 JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT

18. SMT. K.B.MANGALAMMA
W/O K.R.MANJUNATHA
AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
R/AT DONNEHALLI VILLAGE & POST
JAGALURU TALUK-577 528
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 SRI N.R. JAGADEESHWARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3-R5 & SRI VISHWAJITH SHETTY, ADVOCATE FOR R6-R18)

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IN W.A. NO. 1015/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. I.M. CHAITHRA W/O B. BASAVARAJU I.M. AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS ADHYAKSHA ADAVIHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT R/O ADAVIHALLI POST HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-581 313

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI RAJAGOPAL M.R., ADVOCATE)

AND

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY ITS SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT

VIKASA SOUDHA, BENGALURU - 560 001

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER HARAPANAHALLI SUB-DIVISION HARAPANAHALLI DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 3. THE ZILLA PANCHAYAT
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 LOKIKERE ROAD
 DAVANAGERE BY ITS
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 577 005.
- 4. THE TALUK PANCHAYAT
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 HARAPANAHALLI,
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER 583 131.
- 5. THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ADAVIHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT ADAVIHALLI, HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 583 131
- 6. SMT. MEENAKSHI
 W/O H RAJAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
 R/O ADAVIHALLI
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 7. SRI H.G. KENCHAPPA
 W/O DODAKENCHAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 70 YEARS
 R/O THIPPANAYAKANAHALLI VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 8. SMT. G. GANGAMMA W/O HALAPPA

AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS R/O THIPPANAYAKANAHALLI VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 583 131

- 9. SMT. C. SHANTHAMMA
 W/O KARIBASAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
 R/O THIPPANAYAKANAHALLI VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 10. SRI KOTRAPPA
 W/O H. UDDAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 R/O DEVARATHIMLAPURA VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK,
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 11. SRI KORAVARAHANUMANTHAPPA S/O RAMAPPA AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS R/O DEVARATHIMI.APURA VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 583 131
- 12. SMT. GUDDIDARASARASHANTHAMMA
 W/O KENCHAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 R/O DEVARATHIMLAPURA VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 13. SRI SANNANINGAPPA S/O MAHALINGAPPA AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS R/O DEVARATHIMLAPURA VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 583 131

- 14. SRI KOTRAPPA S/O HALAPPA AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS R/O NICHHAPURA VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 583 131
- 15. SMT. JAYAMMA
 W/O HANUMANTHAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 R/O NICHHAPURA VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 16. SRI AHANADMOULASAB S/O MOULASAB AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS R/O HOMBLAGATTE-1 VILLAGE HARAPANAHALL! TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT - 583 131
- 17. SMT. ASHABI
 W/O RAHAMATHULLAH
 AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS
 R/O HOMBLAGATTE-2 VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131
- 18. SRI FAZULLAH
 S/O MAKARABBIAYUB SAB
 AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
 R/O HOMBLAGATTE-2 VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT 583 131

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 SRI N.R. JAGADEESHWARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3 & R4, SRI M. PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R5 & SRI CHANDRASHEKAR P. PATIL, ADVOCATE FOR R6-R18)

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IN W.A. NO. 1016/2018

BETWEEN

SRI PRASANNA K.N.
S/O NANJUNDA GOWDA
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS
R/AT DODDAKARI V!LLAGE
BETHAMANGALA HOBL!
BANGARAPET TALUK
KOLAR DISTRICT-563116

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI M. SHIVAPRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560001
- 2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJRURAL DEVELOPMENT
 STATE OF KARNATAKA,
 VIKASA SOUDHA,
 BANGALORE-560001.
- 3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER KOLAR SUB DIVISION KOLAR-563101

4. THE HULKUR GRAMA PANCHAYAT
REP. BY ITS PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
HULKUR, BETHAMANGALA HOBLI
BANGARPET TALUK
KOLAR DISTRICT-563116

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1-R3 & SRI M. NARAYANA REDDY, ADVOCATE FOR R4 – VK FILED)

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IN W.A. NO. 1060/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. RENUKAMMA
W/O B. KALESHAPPA
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
ADHYAKSHA
KOOLAHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT
R/O BANDRI VILLAGE
HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI M.R. RAJAGOPAL, ADVOCATE)

AND

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY ITS SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT
VIKASA SOUDHA
BENGALURU-560 001

- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER HARAPANAHALLI SUB DIVISION HARAPANAHALLI DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 3. THE ZILLA PANCHAYATH
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 LOKIKERE ROAD
 DAVANAGERE-583 131
 BY ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- 4. THE TALUK PANCHAYAT
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 HARAPANAHALL!
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
 BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER-583 131
- 5. THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER KOOLAHALLI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT KOOLAHALLI, HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 6. SMT.SUMITHRABAI
 W/O GAJAPATHINAIK
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 R/O 12TH WARD, GUDIKATTEKERI
 HARAPANAHALLI TOWN
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 7 SMT. AMBLI PARAVVA
 W/O CHANNABASAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
 R/O KOOLAHALLI VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 8. SMT. S. MANJULA
 W/O S. MANJUNATHA
 AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
 R/O KOOLAHALLI VILLAGE

HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131

- 9. SRI M. MANJUNATHA
 S/O M. NAGAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 R/O CHIKKAHALLI VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 10. SMT. H. BASAMMA
 W/O H. RAJAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 R/O ARADETTINAHALLI VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALL! TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 11. SMT. B. CHANDRAMMA
 W/O BANAKARA KENCHAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
 R/O ARADETTINAHALLI VILLAGE
 HARAPANAHALLI TALUK
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 12. SRI. GOWDRA MANJAPPA S/O GOWDA BASAPPA AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS R/O MADAPURA VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 13. SRI. AMBLI GOOLAPPA S/O BADAKAPPA AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS R/O KOOLAHALLI VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131
- 14. SMT. BOVI HIRIYAVVA W/O BOVI BASAPPA AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS

R/O KOOLAHALLI VILLAGE HARAPANAHALLI TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583 131

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI N.R. JAGADEESHWARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3 & R5, SRI CHANDRASHEKAR P. PATIL, ADVOCATE FOR R6-R14 & R4 - SERVED)

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IN W.A. NOS. 1062-1063/2018

BETWEEN

- 1. SMT. MAMATHA
 W/O YOGESHA
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 PRESIDENT: GOVINDANAHALLI
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 CHANNASOGE VILLAGE
 THATTEKERE POST
 HANAGODU HOBLI,
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSURU DISTRICT 571 105
- 2. SRI SURESHA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 S/O NANJAPPACHAR H.T.
 VICE PRESIDENT: GOVINDANAHALLI
 GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 HANCHYA VILLAGE
 NELLUR PALA POST
 KASABA HOBLI,

HUNSUR TALUK MYSURU DISTRICT - 571 105

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI SANGAMESH R.B., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 AND PANCHAYATH RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 BENGALURU 560 001
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HUNSUR SUB-DIVISION
 HUNSUR, MYSURU DISTRICT 571 105
- 3. GOVINDAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSURU DISTRICT 571 105
 REPRESENTED BY ITS
 PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI M. PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R3)

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IN W.A. NO. 1064/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. RAJAMMA W/O. MADEGOWDA AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS
PRESIDENT: MAULLUR GRAMA PANCHAYATH
R/AT UNDAVADI VILLAGE AND POST
GAVADAGERE HOBLI
HUNSUR TALUK
MYSURU DISTRICT-571 105

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI SANGAMESH R.B., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 AND PANCHAYATH RAJ
 VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BENGALURU-560 001
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HUNSUR DIVISION
 HUNSUR
 MYSURU DISTRICT-571 105
- 3. MALLUR GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 HUNSUR TALUK
 MYSURU DISTRICT-571 105
 REPRESENTED BY ITS
 PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND R3 - SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 1065/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. GAYATRI W/O. SRI NANJARAJU AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS R/AT: KATTEMALWADI POST GAVADAGERE HOBLI HUNSUR TALUK MYSURU DISTRICT-571 134

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI SANGAMESH R.B., ADVOCATE)

AND

THE ASST. COMMISSIONER HUNSUR SUB DIVISION HUNSUR-571134

... RESPONDENT

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDER!, AGA)

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IN W.A. NO. 1073/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. LALITHA W/O SRI. RUDRESH ADHYAKSHA AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS KALIYUR GRAM PANCHAYAT T. NARASIPUR TALUK MYSURU DISTRICT-570001 (ADHYAKSHA, KALIYUR GRAM PANCHAYAT)

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI SANGAMESH R.B., ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 AND PANCHAYAT RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING
 BENGALURU-560 001
 BY ITS SECRETARY
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MYSURU SUB DIVISION, MYSURU-570 001
- 3. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 TALUK PANCHAYAT
 T. NARSIPUR TALUK
 MYSURU DISTRICT
 MYSURU-570 001
- 4. THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 KALIYUR GRAM PANCHAYAT
 T. NARSIPUR TALUK
 MYSURU DISTRICT-570 001

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 AND SRI B.J. SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R3 & R4)

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IN W.A. NO. 1076/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. RATHNAMMA
W/O. VENKATESH
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
ADHYAKSHA DASHAVARA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
ABBUR DODDI VILLAGE
ABBUR POST
CHANNAPATANA TALUK
RAMANAGARA DISTRICT-562 108

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI S.R. HEGDE HUDLAMANE, ADVOCATE)

<u>AND</u>

- 1. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER RAMANAGARA SUB DIVISION RAMANAGARA RAMANAGARA DISTRICT-562 159
- 2. SRI M. BOREGOWDA S/O. MADEGOWDA AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
- 3. SRI RAMAKRISHNA S/O. CHIKKAMUDDEGOWDA AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
- 4. SRI GOVINDAIAH S/O. THIMMAIAH AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS
- 5. SRI VIJAYAKUMAR S/O. PUTTASWAMY AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
- 6. RAJAMMA S/O. SWAMY AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS

- 7. GUNASHEELA W/O. SATHYANARAYANA ACHARI AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
- 8. GEETHA
 W/O. A. C. JAYASWAMY
 AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
- 9. SARASWATHAMMA W/O.SHAMBULINGAIAH AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
- 10. PUSHPA W/O.PARTHA AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS

RESPONDENTS NO.2 TO 10 ARE MEMBERS OF DHASHAVARA GRAMA PANCHAYATH DHASHAVARA VILLAGE RAMANAGARA TALUK RAMANAGARA DISTRICT-562 108

11. PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
DHASHAVARA GRAMA PANCHAYATH
ABBUR DODDI VILLAGE
ABBUR POST
CHANNAPATANA TALUK
RAMANAGARA DISTRICT-562 108

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1, SRI S.C. VIJAYAKUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR C/R2-R10 AND SRI B.J. SOMAYAJI, ADVOCATE FOR R11)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE MADE IN SO FAR ITS RELATES APPELLANT'S WRIT PETITION NO. 4375/2018 [LB-RES] DATED 28/2/2018, WHICH WAS DISPOSED OFF ALONG WITH CONNECTED WRIT PETITION NOs.1935-36/2018 AND CONNECTED CASES AND KINDLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION NO.4375/2018 [LB-RES] & ETC.

IN W.A. NO. 1080/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SUMA. G, W/O RAJANIKANTH AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS ADHYAKSHA HULLEKERE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT R/O SASALU VILLAGE DANDINASHIVARA HOBLI TURUVEKERE TALUK TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572 131.

(BY SRI RAJU S., ADVOCATE)

... APPELLANT

<u>AND</u>

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
 & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIKASA SOUDHA
 BENGALURU-560001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TIPTUR SUB DIVISION, TIPTUR TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 3. THE TALUK PANCHAYAT
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TURUVEKERE
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT
 BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER-572131
- HULLEKERE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT HULLEKERE

TURUVEKERE TALUK TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131 BY ITS PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- 5. SMT. KEMPADEVAMMA
 W/O RANGASWAMY
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 R/O JAKKANAHALLI VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 6. SRI SIDDARAMAIAH H.G. S/O GANGADHARAIAH AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS R/O HULLEKERE VILLAGE TURUVEKERE TALUK TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 7. SRI LOKESHA H.C.
 S/O LATE CHANNABASAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS
 R/O HATTIHALLI VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 3. SRI RANGASWAMY H R
 S/O LATE RAMAKRISHNAIAH
 AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
 R/O HULLEKERE VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 9. SRI HALESH M
 S/O MALLIKARJUNAIAH
 AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
 R/O G MANCHENAHALLI VILLAGE
 KASABA HOBLI
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131

- 10. SRI BABU
 S/O M D HUSSAIN
 AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
 R/O TURUVEKERE
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 11. SMT. YASHODHA
 W/O UMESH
 AGED 37 YEARS
 R/O RAMADIHALLI VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 12. SMT. YASHODAMMA
 W/O CHANDRAIAH
 AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS
 R/O RAMADIHALLI VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK,
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 13. SMT. PREMA
 W/O GANGADHARAIAH
 AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS
 R/O HULEKERE VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 14. SMT. SARALA
 W/O RAJASHEKARAIAH
 AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
 R/O SARIGEHALLI VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131
- 15. SMT. SHOBHA V
 W/O KUMAR
 AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
 R/O KOPPA VILLAGE
 TURUVEKERE TALUK
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT-572131

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI M.B. CHANDRA CHOODA, ADVOCATE FOR R5, R7, R9-R11, R14 & R15; AND R3, R4, R6, R8, R12 & R13 – SERVED)

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IN W.A. NO. 1253/2018

BETWEEN

SRI Y.C. SUPRITH KUMAR S/O SRI CHIKKAVEERE GOWDA AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS RESIDENT OF YAMASANDHI VILLAGE KASABA HOBLI, BELUR TALUK HASSAN DISTRICT-573 115

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI P.P. HEGDE, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAKALESHAPURA SUB-DIVISION SAKALESHAPURA HASSAN DISTRICT
- 2. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 TALUK PANCHAYATH, BELUR TALUK
 HASSAN DISTRICT-573115
- PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 YAMASANDHI GRAMA PANCHAYATH
 HASSAN DISTRICT-573115

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 & R3 - SERVED)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 03/04/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.13875/2018 [LB-RES] BY ALLOWING THIS WRIT APPEAL & ETC.

IN W.A. NOs. 1282-1283/2018

BETWEEN

- 1. SMT. GANGAMMA
 W/O SRI CHOWDAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 R/AT T.GOLLAHALLI VILLAGE
 BETHAMANGALA HOBLI
 BANGARAPET TALUK
 KOLAR DISTRICT-563116
- 2. SRI YOGANATH
 S/O SRI MUNIYAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
 R/AT NATHA VILLAGE
 T.GOLLAHALLI POST
 BETHAMANGALA HOBLI
 BANGARAPET TALUK
 KOLAR DISTRICT-563116

... APPELLANTS

(BY SRI M. SHIVAPRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

AND

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE-560001

- 2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 STATE OF KARNATAKA
 VIKASA SOUDHA
 BANGALORE-560001
- 3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER KOLAR SUB DIVISION, KOLAR-563101
- 4. THE T. GOLLAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYAT REP. BY ITS PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER T. GOLLAHALLI, BETHAMANGALA HOBLI BANGARPET TALUK KOLAR DISTRICT-563116

... RESPONDENTS

(By SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDER!, AGA FOR R1 - R3 & SRI M. PRADEEP, ADVOCATE FOR R4 SRI M. NARAYANA REDDY, ADVOCATE FOR R4 -VK FILED)

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IN W.A. NO. 899/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. MANJULA W/O BALARAJ, AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS ADHYAKSHA DIDDIGI VILLAGE PANCHAYAT R/O UCHANGIPURA -2 VILLAGE JAGALUR TALUK-577 513 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT

APPELLANT

(BY SRI M.R. RAJAGOPAL, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
 (PANCHAYAT RAJ)
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 AND PANCHAYAT RAJ
 M.S. BUILDING, DR AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BENGALURU-560001
- 2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 HARAPANAHALLI SUB-DIVISION
 HARAPANAHALLI, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-583131
- 3. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 ZILLA PANCHAYATH, LOKIKERE ROAD
 DAVANAGERE-577002
- 4. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 JAGALUR TALUK PANCHAYATH
 OPPOSITE TO MINI VIDHANA SOUDHA
 BIDARAKERE ROAD, JAGALUR
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-577528
- 5. THE SECRETARY
 DIDDIGI VILLAGE PANCHAYATH
 JAGALUR TALUK, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-577528
- 6. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
 BILICHODU POLICE STATION
 JAGALUR TALUK-577528
 DAVANAGERE DISTRICT
- 7. SMT R.P. VASANTHA W/O PRAKASH MAJOR IN AGE

PRESIDENT, DIDDIGE GRAMA PANCHAYAT JAGALUR TALUK DAVANAGERE DISTRICT-577528

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1, R2 & R6, SRI N.R. JAGADEESHWARA, ADVOCATE FOR R3 & R4 & R5 SERVED THROUGH HAND SUMMONS & BY SRI K. ARAVIND KAMAT, ADVOCATE FOR C/R7)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.23311/2017, CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW WP NO.23311/2017, CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW WP NO.23311/2017, FILED BY THE APPELLANT HEREIN AS PRAYED FOR.

IN W.A. NO. 1082/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. GOWRAMMA W/O APPOBAIAH, AGE:32 YEARS, ADHYAKASHA, HIREHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYAT, R/O.PALANAYAKANA KOTE, CHALLAKERE TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577529.

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI MAHESH R. UPPIN, ADVOCATE)

AND

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY ITS SECRETARY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
PANCHAYAT RAJ, M.S.BUILDING,
BANGALORE-560001.

- 2. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHITRADURGA SUB-DIVISION, CHITRADURGA-577501.
- 3. HIREHALLY GRAMA PANCHAYAT HIREHALLY VILLAGE, CHALLAKERE TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577529, BY ITS SECRETARY.
- 4. B.T.BASAVARAJA S/O R THIPPANNA, AGE 45 YEARS HIREHALLI POST, CHALLAKERE TALUK CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577 529.
- 5. A.K RAJU S/O A.K.OBAIAH, AGE 34 YEARS HIREHALLI POST, CHALLAKERE TALUK CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577 529.
- 6. P.O OBAIAH S/O PUJARI OBAIAH AGE 36 YEARS HIREHALLI POST, CHALLAKERE TALUK CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577529.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI N.PRAVEEN KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R3, SRI B.K.MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE FOR R4 TO R6)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET-ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 28/02/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN SO FAR AS IT PERTAINS TO WP 3434/2018 [LB-RES] AND ALLOW THIS WRIT APPEAL.

IN W.A. NO. 1224/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. GEETHA W/O. K.S. PARASHURAM AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS PRESIDENT, ANEMAHAL GRAMA PANCHAYAT RESIDING AT KALGANE VILLAGE DHONIGAL POST, KASABA HOBLI SAKALESHAPURA-573 134

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI P.P. HEGDE, ADVOCATE)

AND

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAKALESHPURA, SUB-DIVISION SAKALESHAPURA-573 134

... RESPONDENT

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THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 06/04/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WP NO.14208/2018 [LB-ELE] BY ALLOWING THIS WRIT APPEAL.

IN W.A. NO. 1254/2018

BETWEEN

SMT. SHRUTHI W/O. GIRISH. T, AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS KOOSGAL SARYA GRAMA HONNEKODIGE POST NARASIMHA RAJAPURA TALUK-577 101 CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI G.S. BALAGANGADHAR, ADVOCATE)

AND

- THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 TARIKERE SUB-DIVISION
 TARIKERE-577101, CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT
- 2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
 BY ITS SECRETARY
 DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATRAJ
 AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 VIKAS SOUDHA, BANGALORE-560001
- 3. THE PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER HONNEKODIGE GRAM PANCHAYAT NARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577101
- 4. SRI. B.N. RAGHAVENDRA S/O. NAGARAJA M AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS HANCHINAMANE, BILALUKOPPA GRAM HONNEKODIGE POST NAARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577101
- 5. SMT. SUMITHRA
 W/O. SHESHAPPA
 AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
 HANDOORU, HANDOORU GRAMA
 HONNEKODIGE POST, NAARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577 101
- 6. SRI. VIJU P.E.
 S/O. ETTIRA HANTHUVAANI
 AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS
 VARKATE GRAMA, HONNEKODIGE POST
 NAARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577101.
- 7. SMT. SHIBI MARIYAMMA W/O. PASKAL D'SOUZA

AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS KOODIGADDE, VARKATE GRAMA HONNEKODIGE POST NAARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577101.

- 8. SRI. K.T. SATISH
 S/O. TAMMEGOWDA
 AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
 KUMBASALOORU, HONNEKODIGE GRAMA
 HONNEKODIGE POST
 NAARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577101.
- 9. SMT. VEENA
 W/O. GANGADHAR HANTHUVANI
 AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
 HONNEKODIGE GRAMA, HONNEKODIGE POST
 NAARASIMHARAJAPURA TALUK
 CHIKKAMAGALUR DISTRICT-577101.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2, SRI K.B.ONKARA, ADVOCATE FOR R4 TO R7 & R9 AND R3 & R8 SERVED WITH NOTICE)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE INTERIM ORDER DATED 5/4/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN WRIT PETITION No.14398/2018, CONSEQUENTLY GRANT THE INTERIM PRAYER AS SOUGHT FOR IN THE WRIT PETITION.

<u>IN W.A. NO. 1270/2018</u>

BETWEEN

S. MADHUCHANDRA S/O N. SEETHARAMAIAH, AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS PRESIDENT, BELAGULI GRAMAPANCHAYATH BELAGULI VILLAGE, HANDANAKERE HOBLI CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI TALUK-572 214 TUMAKURU DISTRICT.

... APPELLANT

(BY SRI S.V. PRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
 TIPTURU SUB DIVISION
 TIPTURU-572201, TUMAKURU DISTRICT.
- 2. BELAGULI GRAMAPANCHAYATH
 HANDANAKERE HOBLI
 CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI TALUK-572214
 TUMAKURU DISTRICT
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY/
 PANCHAYATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI A.S.PONNANNA, ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL A/W SRI VENKATESH DODDERI, AGA FOR R1 & R2 - SERVED WITH NOTICE)

THIS WRIT APPEAL IS FILED U/S 4 OF THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT ACT PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 23/03/2018 PASSED BY THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WP NO.12423/2018 BY ALLOWING THIS WRIT APPEAL IN THE ENDS OF JUSTICE AND CONSEQUENTLY ALLOW THE WRIT PETITION IN WP NO.12423/2018 AS PRAYED FOR THEREIN.

THESE WRIT APPEALS HAVING BEEN HEARD AND RESERVED, COMING ON FOR PRONOUNCEMENT OF JUDGMENT, THIS DAY, *CHIEF JUSTICE* DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

JUDGMENT

Preliminary

- 1. These intra-court appeals, essentially involving similar questions relating to the provisions contained in Section 49 of the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993 ('the Act of 1993') and the motion of no-confidence brought thereunder, have been considered together; and are taken up for disposal by this common judgment.
- 2. In a brief outline of the subject matter of these appeals, it may be pointed out that most of the appeals in this group of matters are directed against the common order dated 28.02.2018, as passed in a batch of writ petitions led by W.P.Nos.1935-1936/2018 (LB-RES) wherein, the learned Single Judge of this Court, while rejecting the contentions against the validity of subsection (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 and against the legality of the proceedings for consideration of respective motions of noconfidence, declined to interfere with the impugned motions and notices of meetings for consideration of such motions of noconfidence; and in two writ petitions (W.P.Nos.3434/2018 and

3435/2018), allowed the Gram Panchayat concerned to go ahead with the meetings to be notified afresh for consideration of motion of no-confidence. few other appeals (W.A.Nos. 990/2018, 1010/2018. 1016/2018, 1282-1283/2018 and 1270/2018) are directed against the orders subsequently passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court disposing of the respective writ petitions in terms of the aforesaid lead order dated 23.02.2018, while 8 other appeals in this group of matters (W.A.Nos.1014/2018, 1015/2018, 1060/2018, 1073/2018, 1080/2018, 1253/2018, 1224/2018 and 1254/2018) are directed against the interim orders passed by the learned Single Judge in pending writ petitions subsequent to the aforesaid lead order dated 28.02.2018, providing that proceedings pursuant to the notices of such meetings for consideration of motion of no-confidence shall remain subject to the result of the writ petitions. One of the appeal in this group (W.A.No.1065/2018) is directed against the order dated 27.02.2018, whereby the learned Single Judge dismissed the writ petition only on the ground that the meeting for consideration of the motion of noconfidence had already been convened and the proceedings stood concluded.

- 3. It may also be pointed out that in view of different stage and status of the proceedings related with these matters, this Court, while taking up these appeals for consideration, has passed different interim orders of the nature that the resolution of no-confidence passed were not to be given effect to and status quo as existing prior to passing of the resolution was to be maintained, whereas in some of these matters, it is also provided that the concerned appellant would not be taking any decision having financial implication as regards Panchayat in question, but may carry out necessary day to day activities. In some of the cases where meetings for consideration of motion of no-confidence or even for fresh election were to be convened, it was provided that the slated meetings may be proceeded with, but the resolution thereof shall not be given effect to.
- 4. Having regard to the circumstances of these cases and the questions involved, these intra-court appeals were taken up for

hearing in priority and we have heard multifarious arguments of the learned counsel appearing for the respective parties at length.

- 5. In essence, the questions on the validity of sub-section (2) of Section 49 and in the alternative, the interpretation of the provisions of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 are involved as the main plank in these matters. Hence, appropriate it would be to reproduce Section 49 of the Act of 1993 at the outset and as under:
 - "49. Motion of no-confidence against Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayat.- (1) Every Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayat shall forthwith be deemed to have vacated his office if a resolution expressing want of confidence in him is passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the total number of members of the Grama Panchayat at a meeting specially convened for the purpose in accordance with the procedure as may be prescribed:

Provided that no such resolution shall be moved unless notice of the resolution is signed by not less than one-half of the total number of members and at least ten days notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution:

²Provided further that no resolution expressing want of confidence against an Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha, shall be moved within the first thirty months³ from the date of his election:

¹ Substituted for the words "one-third" by Karnataka Act No. 44 of 2015

² Second and Third provisos inserted by Karnataka Act No. 29 of 1997

³ Substituted for the words "within one year" by Karnataka Act No. 44 of 2015

Provided also that where a resolution expressing want of confidence in any Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha has been considered and negatived by a Grama Panchayat a similar resolution in respect of the same Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha shall not be given notice of, or moved, within two years⁴ from the date of the decision of the Grama Panchayat.

⁵(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), no resolution expressing want of confidence against an Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha, shall be moved except on specific allegation of misuse or abuse of power or authority in executing any scheme, action plan or direction of Government or project of the panchayat or of misappropriating funds or other assets of the panchayat during the term of his membership or otherwise indulging in corruption or misconduct in the course of exercising his functions".

Relevant facts and background:

6. Having regard to the questions involved in these matters, the Constitutional and Legislative background concerning the provisions in question could be taken note of, in brief, as follows: With 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India in the year 1992, a constitutional recognition came to be conferred on the Panchayats i.e., Grama Panchayats, Taluka Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats.

⁵ Sub-section (2) inserted by Karnataka Act No. 44 of 2015

⁴ Substituted for the words "within two years" by Karnataka Act No. 44 of 2015

The Grama Panchayats are the smallest but basic units in the hierarchy of democratic institutions constituted for the purpose of local self governance. In terms of the said Constitutional Amendment, the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1993 (Act No.14 of 1993) has been amended from time to time, the last of which being by way of the Karnataka Act No.44 of 2015, as a result whereof, the enactment has been re-named as the "Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993", (hereafter also referred to as 'the Act of 1993'). By this very Act No.44 of 2015, significant changes have been brought about in Section 49 of the principal Act, which form the core of contentions in these appeals.

7. A glance at the relevant provisions of the Act of 1993 is pertinent. The Grama Panchayats are constituted under Section 5, by elections as notified by the State Election Commission; Section 44 provides for the election of Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas from amongst the elected members of the Gram Panchayat concerned and Section 45 prescribes the procedure for such election; Section 46 prescribes the term of office of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha as five years from the date of election or till they cease to be members

of Grama Panchayat, whichever is earlier; Section 48 provides for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha by the Government, *inter alia*, on the ground of misconduct. As noticed, Section 49 provides for removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha by the Grama Panchayat through democratic process i.e., by way of a motion of no-confidence. It is noticed that Section 50 mandates that the procedure for the meeting of Grama Panchatyat shall be as prescribed by the Rules. Various other provisions are not required to be elaborated upon in this judgment.

- 8. For the operation and working of Section 49, the Karnataka Panchayat Raj (Motion of No-Confidence against Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayat) Rules, 1994 (hereafter referred to as 'the Rules of 1994') have been promulgated, their latest amendment being under the Notification dated 21.08.2018, as issued during the pendency of these appeals. The relevant aspects concerning such Rules of 1994 shall be examined hereafter, a little later.
- 9. The facts relevant for the present purpose are that the General Elections to the Grama Panchayats in the State, for the

period 2015-2020, were held by the State Election Commission during the month of June 2015; and immediately thereafter, Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas came to be elected by the respective Grama Panchayats. After the 2015 amendment by way of the Act No. 44 of 2015, various motions of no-confidence against Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha were moved in various Grama Panchayats with reference to the aforesaid sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 on the premise that the *non-obstante* clause thereof has removed all the constraints and restrictions prescribed in sub-section (1) and the three provisos thereto. The Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas concerned, being aggrieved by the initiation or passing of such motions of no-confidence, filed the writ petitions in this Court; with few of them questioning the vires of subsection (2), as well.

10. After service of notice, the State entered appearance through the learned Additional Advocate General and other respondents too entered appearance through their respective counsel. During the pendency of the writ petitions, the State Government issued a Circular No.RDP 887 GPA 2017 dated

07.02.2018, purportedly laying down certain guidelines and procedure for regulating the motion moved under sub-section (2) of Section 49, pending contemplated amendment to the Rules of 1994. The learned Single Judge on 18.01.2018, after hearing both the sides, had permitted the concerned Grama Panchayats to proceed with the meetings for consideration of the respective motions of no-confidence with a rider that the results thereof, should be placed before the Court in a sealed cover.

11. Thereafter, the learned Single Judge proceeded to dispose of the writ petitions by way of the impugned order dated 28.02.2018, while holding, *inter alia*, that the effect of the *non-obstante* clause of sub-section (2) of Section 49 is confined to second and third provisos to sub-section (1) of Section 49 and therefore, a motion of no-confidence under sub-section (2) is permissible at any time after the election of Adhyaksha or Upadhayaksha, notwithstanding the moratorium of thirty months and two years respectively, as provided under the said provisos to sub-section (1) but, subject to the compliance of the requirement of ten days' prior notice of meeting being signed by one-half of the total

number of members, and also two-third of the total number of members passing the resolution for such removal.

- 12. The learned Single Judge though noticed the apparent inconsistency in Section 49 with insertion of sub-section (2) *ibid.*, but rejected the contentions against its validity; and considered it just and proper to read down the provisions by applying the rule of purposive construction. The learned Single Judge observed as under:-
 - "18. In the opinion of this Court, the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act does not completely eclipse, supersede or override the entire provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 49. but the non-obstante Clause intends to override only restrictions moratorium period of 30 months and two years respectively in Second and Third Proviso to Section 49(1) of the Act. It is to be harmoniously read as an adjunct and further Proviso to Section 49(1) of the Act to meet with the specific contingencies of misuse or abuse of power or authority, misappropriation of funds or corruption etc. where the Members of the Grama Panchayat can take up the motion for 'No Confidence' such elected of Adhyaksha/Upadhyaksha notwithstanding the restriction of initial moratorium period of 30 months or two years provided in Second and Third Proviso in sub-section 49(1) of the Act."

- 13. The learned Single Judge summarised his conclusions in the following:-
 - "37. On a conjoint, combined and harmonious reading of Section 49(1) of the Act, the following conclusions can be deduced:-
 - (I) Notice for such Resolutions can be moved only by one half of the total number of Members after a ten days' notice.
 - (II) No such 'No Confidence Motion' can be moved against Adhyaksha/Upadhyaksha within the first 30 months from the date of their election except under the specified circumstances under Section 49(2) of the Act.
 - (III) Where such a 'No Confidence Motion' has failed once, a similar Resolution for 'No Confidence' against them cannot be moved within two years from the said failure, except under the specified circumstances under Section 49(2) of the Act;
 - (IV) No Resolution, overriding the aforesaid period of restrictions provided in Second and Third Proviso of sub-section (1) can be moved unless they contain specific allegations of misuse or abuse of power or authority or misappropriation of funds or corruption, etc., as per Section 49(2) of the Act.
 - (V) A motion for 'No Confidence' under subsection (2) of Section 49 of the Act though can be moved on specific grounds only, ultimately remains a 'No confidence motion' to be considered by all the Members of the Grama Panchayat and it remains subject to mode and method for its consideration as per sub-section (1) viz. that is also is required to be moved by one half or more of the total number of Members and is required to be passed by more

than 2/3rd of the total number of Members in order to become operative and effective.

(VI) The restriction provided in Second and Third Proviso of Section 49(1) of the Act, namely, the initial moratorium period of 30 months and restriction of two years, if once such motion fails is the only thing intended to be overridden by the non obstante Clause of Section 49(2) of the Act.

(VII) In other words, in the specified circumstances in Section 49 (2) of the Act, such a motion can be moved even within 30 months of the election to their Office and even within two years of the previous failure of one such Resolution.

(VIII) This is the purpose for providing a non obstante Clause in sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act, because the contingencies provided for removing Adhyaksha/ Upadhyaksha and in resorting to sub-section (2) are of grave nature and in the cases of misuse or abuse of power or authority or misappropriation of funds or corruption, etc. by the elected Adhyaksha/Upadhyaksha, Members need not wait for the restrictions of periods envisaged in Second and Third Proviso of Section 49(1) of the Act, namely for a period of 30 months and two years respectively and on the specific allegations of misuse or abuse of power or authority or misappropriation of funds or corruption, etc. they can resort to Section 49(2) of the Act and pass such Resolution with 2/3rd majority.

(IX) The purpose is obvious that if an elected Adhyaksha/Upadhyaksha is found to be indulging in corrupt activities or misuse or abuse of power or authority, he/she should not be tolerated necessarily by the mandate of law

for a period of 30 months or for the next two years. If the Members can make the specific allegations against him/her, notwithstanding the restrictions contained in Second and Third Proviso of Section 49(1) of the Act, they can resort to Section 49(2) of the Act and move such a 'No Confidence Motion'. It is the restrictions envisaged in the Second and Third Provisos of Section 49(1) of the Act which are sought to be overridden by the non obstante Clause at the beginning of the Section 49 (2) of the Act.

(X) If a motion for No-Confidence even though moved under Section 49(2) of the Act does not contain specific allegations against the elected Adhyaksha/Upadhyaksha of a Grama Panchayat, such a motion will fall under Section 49(1) and shall be subject to the restriction prescribed under Section 49(1) of the Act and can be considered by the Members under Section 49(1) of the Act."

14. The learned Single Judge further clarified and emphasised as under:-

"40 The democratic way of removing the elected persons from the Office by expression of 'No Confidence' in them is the essential feature of any democracy and therefore such elected persons cannot seek a permanent or a tenure fixation to their elected Offices, even if the majority of the Members electing them to that office, lose their confidence in them and intend to remove them just by count of heads or votes. The majority rule or the Numbers game is qui vive of the Democracy."

- 15. The writ petitions considered together were disposed of accordingly. As noticed, one of the writ petitions was decided even a day before the said common order on the ground that the meeting had taken place and requisite resolution had been passed. Some other writ petitions were decided later, while following the said common order dated 28.02.2018, whereas in the fresh petitions filed by the similarly circumstanced persons, the learned Single Judge provided in the prayer for interim relief only this much that the proceedings of the meeting/s shall remain subject to the decision of the writ petitions. Questioning the orders aforesaid, the aggrieved parties have preferred these intra-court appeals.
- 16. It may also be pointed out that during the pendency of the writ petitions decided by the common order dated 28.02.2018, the learned Single Judge had made the following interim order in some of the matters on 08.02.2018:
 - "13. After hearing the learned counsels today at length, it is found appropriate that the Resolution of 'Nc-Confidence' passed in the Gram panchayat involved in the present writ petitions, shall not be given effect to as of now and the status-quo as it existed prior to passing of the said Resolution shall be maintained by the concerned Gram Panchayat and

this status will remain subject to the final decision of the present writ petitions."

After taking note of the aforesaid and the overall circumstances, this Court had granted interim relief in some of these appeals, as indicated hereinbefore.

Rival Submissions

- 17. Learned counsel appearing for the appellants in these appeals have advanced multifarious contentions while assailing the validity of the said sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 as also the proceedings for consideration of the motions of noconfidence as moved. Put in brief, the relevant part of the material contentions on behalf of the appellants are as follows:
- (a) The Legislature had initially provided certain safeguards to the Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayats by enacting a proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 49 as it originally existed; later, on the basis of experience, these safeguards are enhanced by introducing second and third provisos to sub-section (1) by Act No.29 of 1997 w.e.f. 20.10.1997; later, further safeguards came to be provided by amending all the three provisos to sub-

- section (1), and by introducing sub-section (2) which requires specific allegations of misuse/abuse of power or misappropriation of funds/property or corruption/misconduct, as a *sine qua non* for moving any motion of no-confidence; therefore, the *non-obstante* clause with which sub-section (2) begins should be read not as diluting the protection otherwise provided under sub-section (1) and the three provisos thereto, but in addition thereto, as requiring the specific allegations also, for moving any and every motion of no-confidence contemplated under Section 49.
- (b) Alternatively, sub-section (2) of Section 49 should be struck down as being *ultra vires* since it is unworkable and arbitrary, specially in the absence of a corresponding amendment to the Rules of 1994, which have been promulgated keeping in view only subsection (1) of Section 49 as it originally existed, notwithstanding the Circular dated 07.02.2018 which is only an executive instruction having no force of law and which apparently is prospective in operation; an executive instruction cannot be a substitute for the Rules, which the Act requires.

- (c) The Rules of 1994 having been promulgated long before the 2015 Amendment, are applicable only to the motions under sub-section (1) of Section 49; Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 3 prohibits any debate on the motion of no-confidence, the motions under subsection (2) by their very nature need to be debated and therefore, even the August 2018 Amendment to these Rules does not make sub-section (2) workable; even otherwise also, the text of the said amendment is not happily worded.
- (d) The amendment Act 44 of 2015 whereby, Section 49 was amended, does not match with the Bill as introduced in the Legislature, for giving effect to the recommendation of the Ramesh Kumar Committee; sub-section (2) of Section 49 is violative of sub-section (1) and therefore, the same is *ultra vires*; sub-section (2) is unconstitutional since it legalises character assassination of Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha concerned after their stigmatic removal on the unsubstantiated allegations; it is more like a conviction without trial; the right to reputation being part of personal liberty [vide *Subramanian Swamy Vs. Union of India:* (2016) 7 SCC 221] is put

at stake by sub-section (2) and therefore, the same is violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

- (e) Sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 has no parallel in any other enactments relating to removal of elected persons only on the ground of unsubstantiated allegations; there are no *pari materia* provisions for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Taluka Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats though all these persons constitute one homogeneous class and therefore subsection (2) of Section 49 which singles out Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayats alone for discriminatory treatment falls foul of Article 14 of the Constitution of India.
- 18. Learned Additional Advocate General, consistent with his stand before the learned Single Judge, submitted that the Legislature taking note of the abuse of the provision for motion of no-confidence, came up with 2015 Amendment, *inter alia*, to the provisions of Section 49 by enacting certain rigors in its sub-section (1) and by introducing sub-section (2) to provide for securing the functional tenure of the elected Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas of Grama Panchayats, who otherwise were running the risk of being

removed by the motions moved whimsically and fancifully. He also placed on record the Notification dated 21.08.2018, whereby the relevant provisions of the Rules of 1994 have been amended, purportedly for the better working of sub-section (2) of Section 49.

- 19. Learned counsel appearing for the opposing private parties have also opposed the submissions made on behalf of the appellants and have put forth multifarious contentions. In brief, the relevant part of the material contentions on behalf of the respondents could be summarized as follows:
- (a) Sub-section (2) which was inserted by Act No.44 of 2015 with the *non-obstante* clause "notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1)" clearly overrides the entire sub-section (1) including the three provisos thereto; in other words, the intention of the Legislature is to ensure that the holders of the democratic institutions such as Grama Panchayat shall not take undue protection given to them under sub-section (1) for indulging in misuse or abuse of their powers during the periods of moratorium, as prescribed under the second and third provisos thereto.

- (b) A conjoint and harmonious reading of both sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 49 makes the position clear that in normal circumstances, the Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha shall not be removed within the moratorium period of initial 30 months under the second proviso or a moratorium period of two years under the third proviso to sub-section (1); however if they either misuse their office or indulge in corruption, they can be removed even during the said moratorium periods, but only on the grounds specified in sub-section (2). But for such harmonious interpretation of sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) of Section 49, it may amount to giving a carta blanche to the unscrupulous Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha to indulge in misuse/abuse of their office/position.
- (c) In all these cases, the motions of no-confidence are moved after the expiry of 30 months; there is no case wherein the second motion of no-confidence is moved so as to attract the bar of two year moratorium period prescribed under third proviso to subsection (1) of Section 49; therefore, all these cases fall under subsection (2) read with sub-section (1) and the first proviso thereto. That being so, the challenge to the *vires* of sub-section (2) does not

merit consideration. The counsel have relied upon various decisions of the Apex Court in support of the submission as to how a *non-obstante* clause should be interpreted including that in Chandavarkar Sita Ratna Rao Vs. Ashalatha S Guram: (1986) 4 SCC 447.

- (d) The counsel for the respondents have also repelled the contention of the appellants that sub-section (2) is unconstitutional because of its unworkability and gross arbitrariness. In support of their contentions, the learned counsel have relied upon the decision in the case of **State of Andhra Pradesh Vs. Mcdowell & Co.:** (1996) 3 SCC 709, wherein it is held that a legislation can be struck down only on constitutional grounds and that the arbitrariness or unworkability is not one of them.
- (e) Sub-section (1) of Section 49 provides for a motion of no-confidence simplicitor, whereas sub-section (2) provides for a motion on fault grounds; the object of sub-section (2) is essentially to show zero tolerance to any abuse or misuse of power, corruption and misconduct of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha, regardless of the protection of their tenure afforded under the second and third

provisos to sub-section (1); going by the literal interpretation, sub-section (2) starts with a *non-obstante* clause, and as such, it was never intended to be yet another proviso to sub-section (1); if the Legislature had intended that sub-section (2) should have the effect of an additional proviso, it would have accordingly added the fourth proviso to sub-section (1) and the non-obstante clause would not have been enacted in sub-section (2) at all.

20. Having given anxious consideration to the rival submissions and having examined the record with reference to the law applicable, we are clearly of the view that even when subsection (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 cannot be considered workable for want of necessary rules at present, the same cannot be held invalid; and the principal contentions urged on behalf of the appellants cannot be accepted. We are further clearly of the view that the impugned proceedings for consideration of motions of noconfidence deserve to be upheld with reference to sub-section (1) of the Section 49 of the Act of 1993; and the interim orders as passed in the pending writ petitions also call for no interference.

The object and scope of Section 49 of the Act of 1993

- 21. As noticed, the questions involved in these matters are on the validity of sub-section (2) of Section 49 *ibid.* and the operation of Section 49 as existing. For dealing with such questions, appropriate it would be to take note of the scope and object of Section 49 and the brief history of its development and modulation.
- 22. Under the scheme of Act of 1993, the Grama Panchayats, Taluka Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats are constituted in the three-tier-hierarchy, as democratic institutions. Section 49 of the Act of 1993 provides for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayats by motion of noconfidence; similarly, Section 140 and Section 179, *inter alia*, provide for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Taluka Panchayats and of Zilla Panchayats, respectively.
- 23. Section 49, as it originally stood in the year 1993, provided that an Adhyaksha or Upadhayaksha shall be deemed to have vacated his office on the passing of a resolution by the two-third majority of the members of the Grama Panchayat, expressing no-confidence in him. The only proviso to Section 49 as it was

originally enacted had prescribed that the **ten days prior notice** of such a resolution should be signed by not less than **one-third** of the total number of the members of the Grama Panchayat concerned.

24. It is noticed that after the recommendations of Haranhalli Ramaswamy Committee, the Act of 1993 came to be amended by Amendment Act No.29 of 1997 w.e.f. 20.10.1997, making substantial modifications, *inter alia*, to the provisions of Section 49 providing for a greater stability to these offices, while minimizing the potential abuse of the democratic process of removal. Hence, the second and third provisos came to be introduced.

The second proviso was introduced as under:

"Provided further that no resolution expressing want of confidence against an Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha, shall be moved within one year from the date of his election:"

And, the third proviso was introduced as under:

"Provided also that where a resolution expressing want of confidence in any Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha has been considered and negatived by a Grama Panchayat a similar resolution in respect of the same Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha shall not be given notice of, or moved, within one year from the

date of the decision of the Grama Panchayat".

Thus, in the initial one year, there could not have been any motion of no-confidence at all; similarly, there could not have been another such motion of no-confidence for a period of one year, once the earlier one having been moved, had failed.

25. Subsequently, after the recommendation of Ramesh Kumar Committee, the Karnataka Legislature enacted Amendment Act No.44 of 2015 further amending various provisions of the Act of 1993 w.e.f. 25.02.2016; by the said amendment, extensive changes were made in the provisions of Section 49.

By the said Act No. 44 of 2015, the first proviso was amended to read as under:

"Provided that no such resolution shall be moved unless notice of the resolution is signed by not less than one-half of the total number of members and at least ten days notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution".

Thus, by the said amendment, earlier requirement of **one-third** of the members signing the notice of resolution came to be altered to **one-half**.

Similarly, the second proviso was amended to read as under:

"Provided further that no resolution expressing want of confidence against an Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha, shall be moved within the first thirty months from the date of his election:"

Thus, by amendment to this proviso, the earlier moratorium period of one year came to be increased to two and a half years, within which no such motion of no-confidence can be moved.

The third proviso was also amended to read as under:

"Provided also that where a resolution expressing want of confidence in any Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha has been considered and negatived by a Grama Panchayat a similar resolution in respect of the same Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha shall not be given notice of, or moved, within two years from the date of the decision of the Grama Panchayat".

Thus, the moratorium of initial one year came to be increased to two years, within which there cannot be another motion of no-confidence, the earlier one having been moved and having failed.

- 26. In addition to altering the three provisos to sub-section
- (1) as mentioned above, the 2015 amendment added sub-section
- (2) to Section 49, which reads as under:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), no resolution expressing want of confidence against an Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha, shall be moved except on specific allegation of misuse or abuse of power or authority in executing any scheme, action plan or direction of Government or project of the panchayat or of misappropriating funds or other assets of the panchayat during the term of his membership or otherwise indulging in corruption or misconduct in the course of exercising his functions".

The said sub-section (2) now added provides for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of the Grama Panchayats by motion of no-confidence only on the allegation of misuse/abuse of power/authority or misappropriation of Panchayat funds/assets and corruption or misconduct. This sub-section apparently starts with a non-obstante clause, but its validity and interpretation is the subject of consideration in these appeals.

As to the constitutionality of Section 49 (2)

27. In some of these writ appeals, wherein the *vires* of subsection (2) of Section 49 is called in question, the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioners have contended that right to reputation is a part of personal liberty which is guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India vide *Subramanian Swamy Vs.*

Union of India: (2016) 7 SCC 221; sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993, to the extent it authorises the stigmatic removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayats per se on unsubstantiated allegations, is arbitrary and is violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Per contra, the counsel appearing on the other side have repelled the said contention, while relying upon the decision in the case of State of Andhra Pradesh Vs. Mcdowell and Co.: (1996) 3 SCC 709 (para 43) wherein, the Apex Court has ruled that a legislation cannot be struck down on the ground of arbitrariness.

28. Though it may be pointed out that in view of the progressive view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, particularly in the case of *Shayara Bano Vs. Union of India*: *AIR 2017 SC 4609* (para 281), the direct applicability of the *Mcdowell's* case (supra) may remain in question, but such an aspect relating with the arbitrariness or unreasonableness is not required to be dilated in these matters for the simple reason that the provisions contained in sub-section (2) of Section 49 *ibid.*, founded on the democratic

principles and on the principles of probity in public life do not appear to be *per se* unreasonable or arbitrary.

- 29. The contention that sub-section (2) of Section 49 provides for stigmatic removal of unsubstantiated allegations and hence, it is violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India, is too farfetched an argument. When an elected member of the Grama Panchayat chooses to become its Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha, he does so with the specific knowledge that he would always remain answerable to any question raised on his conduct, particularly in view of the office held by him.
- 30. The right to reputation even when it is guaranteed as a Fundamental Right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, is not an absolute right; the said right can be controlled or regulated in accordance with "the procedure established by law" i.e., "due process of law". Even the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha in terms of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of Section 49 is in accordance with the procedure established by law, within the meaning of Article 21. The Apex Court in the case of *Indira Nehru Gandhi Vs. Raj Narain*: (1975) Suppl. SCC 1, has held that the

democratic principles are a basic feature of the Constitution. The Legislature has enacted these principles in Section 49 for the removal of the incumbents of these offices and the same is in the larger public interest, to which the personal interest i.e., right to reputation of an individual has to yield. Therefore, the injury to the personal interest, if any, of the incumbents of these offices cannot be a ground for invalidating the statutory provisions in question.

31. The contention of the appellants that the text of subsection (2) of Section 49 does not match with the text of the Legislative Bill that was founded on the recommendations of Ramesh Kumar Committee and, therefore, the said Section is unconstitutional, is legally misconceived. Even if the said contention is assumed to be true, its factual foundation has not been established by producing the necessary material. That apart, there is no legal requirement in our constitutional jurisprudence that the text of the Statute should match with that of the Legislative Bill. Therefore, the said contention being bereft of any legal basis, is liable to be rejected.

- 32. The next contention advanced on behalf of the appellants that sub-section (2) of Section 49 is ultra vires for it offends the pith and substance of sub-section (1) of Section 49, is again devoid of any legal substance. A legislation cannot be struck down on the ground that it offends the provisions of the other legislation. Similarly, a provision of an enactment cannot be struck down only on the ground that it is repugnant or incongruous to any other provision of the said enactment. In fact, in the same enactment, there may be provisions which are repugnant to each other, but that repugnancy per se is not a ground for invalidating such provisions by judicial verdict. A situation like that falls in the domain of 'Interpretation of Statutes' and such provisions ordinarily call for a harmonious construction for resolving the conflict. Therefore, this contention too is liable to be rejected.
- 33. It has also been contended that sub-section (2) of Section 49 does not have a parallel in any other enactment and further, the Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas of Taluka Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats do not suffer any such provision which the writ petitioners do and, therefore, the said provision is liable to be struck

down as being discriminatory and hence, violating Article 14 of the Constitution. This argument wrongly assumes that the Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas of Grama Panchayats are the equals of their counter-parts of Taluka Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats. In the scheme of the Act of 1993 and particularly looking to the powers and authority assigned, they do not constitute one single homogeneous class. Therefore, there being no foundation for invoking Article 14 on the ground of discriminatory treatment, this contention too fails.

- 34. For what has been discussed hereinabove, the contention that sub-section (2) of Section 49 is invalid piece of legislation is required to be, and is hereby, rejected.
- 35. Even when sub-section (2) of Section 49; and for that matter, the entire Section 49 is held to be valid and *intra vires*, the question still remains about the operation and workability of the provisions contained therein. These and co-related aspects may now be taken up for consideration.

The construction of Section 49

36. Section 49 of the Act is held to have vested a right in the members of Grama Panchayat to move a motion of noconfidence for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha, subject to certain restrictions and qualifications [vide Siddanagouda Vs. State and others: (2005) 1 KLJ 230]. It is relevant to note that the legislative process during the period between 1993 and 2015 providing for the removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha of Grama Panchayats, shows a progressive control over this right of the elected members so as to provide a balance as regards the tenure to an elected Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha without being under constant threat of facing motions of no-confidence vis-à-vis the rights of elected members of the Panchayat to remove an Adhyaksha or Upadhyaksha in the reasonable and prescribed manner, if the said incumbent ceases to enjoy the confidence of the House. becomes apparent by the texts of Amendments, as noticed hereinbefore.

- 37. So far as the other provision for removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha, particularly that contained in Section 48 of the Act of 1993 is concerned, it provides for removal of Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha by the Government on the administrative side, on the ground of 'proved misconduct' or 'persistent remiss', in accordance with the procedure prescribed therein. Such a process, by its very nature, requires holding of the necessary inquiry before the Government removes an elected representative. These aspects of the matter need not be elaborated upon for the simple reason that the provisions of Section 48 and Section 49 operate in different fields and are in fact mutually exclusive even when their result may be the same i.e., removal.
- 38. The question still remains as to the construction of the provisions contained in Section 49 *ibid*. In this regard, in our view, the process of reading down as adopted by the learned Single Judge appears to be the correct approach so as to maintain the provisions as existing on the Statute and at the same time making them workable towards the true intent and purpose.

39. Though learned counsel for the appellants, with reference to some of the decided cases on the principles of statutory interpretation, have endeavoured to argue that the process, as adopted by the learned Single Judge, is practically of reading the words in the Statute or omitting the words therefrom, which practically amount to legislation, but in our view, these submissions do not merit acceptance because if any other interpretation is taken on the scheme of Section 49 of the Act, it would practically lead to the result as if a motion of no-confidence can never be moved except when half of the members choose to level specific allegations. This nature blanket ban on the rights of the members of Gram Panchayat to move the motion of no-confidence may not stand in conformity and compatibility with the norms of a democratic institution. Therefore, in our view, the process of reading down, as taken recourse of by the learned Single Judge, in the peculiar circumstances of the case, cannot be faulted at and deserves to be upheld. The contentions against the process of interpretation adopted by the learned Single Judge are, therefore, rejected.

40. It is also significant to notice, as observed hereinbefore, that even while inserting sub-section (2) to Section 49, by the very same Amendment Act, i.e., Act No.44 of 2015, the length of time of moratorium periods, as provided in the second and third provisos to sub-section (1), were modified. If the intention of the legislature was to do away with the whole of sub-section (1) of Section 49, there was no such necessity of amendment to the said provisos. Such contemporaneous amendment of the provisos is also a strong indicator of the legislative intent that sub-section (2) was inserted in Section 49 so as to provide an additional right to the members of Gram Panchayat to move a motion of no-confidence on specific allegations irrespective of the said moratorium periods. Else, the general right of the members to move a motion of no confidence without stating any reason, per sub-section (1), was neither intended to be taken away nor has been taken away. This, in our view, is the only appropriate way of interpreting the provisions as existing, particularly looking to the purport and object thereof.

The operation of sub-section (2) of Section 49:

- 41. Even when the aforesaid process of interpretation is applied so as to ensure the true operation of sub-section (i) as also sub-section (2) of Section 49, the question as regards workability of sub-section (2) of Section 49 still remains.
- 42. It is pertinent to mention that the Rules of 1994 as originally promulgated are applicable only to the motions moved under sub-section (1) of Section 49; and sub-section (2), having been enacted long thereafter, was not within the contemplation of the said Rules as originally promulgated. These Rules have been amended by Notification No.GPA 257 GPA 2017 dated 21.08.2018, whereby some mechanism is sought to be provided for the motions moved under sub-section (2), although the same leaves much to be desired. Sub-rule (7) of Rule 3 of these Rules prohibits any debate on the motion of no-confidence. The said provision reads as under:
 - "(7) As soon as the meeting convened under subrule (2) commences, the Assistant Commissioner shall read to the members of the Grama Panchayat, the motion for the consideration of which the meeting has been convened and **shall put it to vote without any debate**".

- A3. By virtue of August 2018 Amendment (*supra*), these Rules are made applicable even to the motions moved under subsection (2) in which 'specific allegations' are a pre-requisite. By their very nature, a debate becomes inevitable on such motions under sub-section (2). Unless and until a comprehensive set of Rules as applicable to these motions is promulgated, this newly added subsection (2) will continue to remain unworkable. The Government Circular No.RDP 887 GPA 2017 dated 07.02.2018, being only of executive instructions, cannot be a substitute for the Rules.
 - 44. In the passing, we may only observe that the procedure for meetings could even otherwise be prescribed by virtue of Rules under Section 50 of the Act of 1993 that reads as under:
 - "50. Procedure at meetings- The procedure at a meeting of the Grama Panchayat shall be as prescribed."
 - 45. All other aspects being within the domain of the Legislature and the rule making power of the Government, we do not wish to elaborate further in this regard. Suffice it to conclude that sub-section (2) of Section 49 in the present form, for want of requisite and specific Rules, is unworkable but, for the interpretation

adopted by the learned Single Judge and approved in this judgment, sub-section (1) of Section 49 remains operational; and the said subsection (1) is neither eclipsed nor nullified.

Motions of no-confidence involved in the present cases:

46. Most of the motions of no-confidence, as involved in the present cases, have already been put to the floor of the concerned Houses and, it is pointed out that most of such motions have been adopted. Such motions of no-confidence have been found by the learned Single Judge to be conforming to all the requirements of sub-section (1) of Section 49. No cogent and convincing reason has been placed before us in any of these matters that the motion of noconfidence is not in conformity with the other requirements of subsection (1) of Section 49. That being the position, the resolutions adopted on such motions deserve to be taken to their logical conclusion. In the pending writ petitions, of course, the validity of the notice of motion per sub-section (1) of Section 49 may be examined, if any question in that regard is raised and to this extent, we would leave the matter open for examination in the pending writ petitions.

CONCLUSION:

- For what has been discussed hereinabove, we are 47. clearly of the view that these intra-court appeals deserve to be dismissed and the orders impugned, as passed by the learned Single Judge, deserve to be upheld except the observations occurring in paragraph 37(V) of the order dated 28.02.2018, where the learned Single Judge has observed that the motion of noconfidence under sub-section (2) of Section 49 would remain subject to mode and method for its consideration as per sub-section (1). Such mode and method would only relate to the requirement of the number of members for moving the motion and for adopting the resolution on that basis. However, the procedure and method for consideration of the motion under sub-section (2) of Section 49 shall have to be provided by separately promulgated Rules and any such motion under sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Act of 1993 cannot be proceeded under the Rules of 1994, even as amended by the notification dated 21.08.2018.
- 48. However, as held hereinabove, the motions of noconfidence in the decided writ petitions shall be deemed to be those

moved under sub-section (1) of Section 49 and cannot be considered invalid. Hence, the directions in the impugned order dated 28.02.2018 and other orders passed on that basis remain unexceptionable and call for no interference.

49. With the observations foregoing, these intra-court appeals fail and are, therefore, dismissed.

The interim orders passed in the respective cases stand vacated.

No costs.

Sd/-CHIEF JUSTICE

> Sd/-JUDGE

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