



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU DATED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2025 BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD WRIT PETITION NO. 25562 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI. M. SRINIVAS, S/O LATE MUNINANJAPPA, AGED 65 YEARS, R/AT NO.5, CORPORATION MARKET, V.V.PURAM, BENGALURU-560 004

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. M.B.CHANDRA CHOODA., ADVOCATE)

AND:

- 1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
 BY ITS SECRETARY TO
 GOVERNMENT, DEPT. OF
 REVENUE M.S. BUILDING,
 DR.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
 BENGALURU-560 001.
- 2. THE KARNATAKA STATE
 POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,
 REGIONAL OFFICE, NISARGA BHAVANA,
 1ST FLOOR, D-MAIN ROAD,
 THIMMAIAH ROAD,
 BENGALURU SOUTH,
 SHIVANAGARA,
 BENGALURU-560 079.



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- 3. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT, K.G.ROAD, BENGALURU-560 009.
- 4. THE TAHASILDAR,
 BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK,
 K.G.ROAD,
 BENGALURU-560009.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.SHAMANTH NAIK., HCGP)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA TPRAYING TO I) QUASH THE SEIZURE MAHAZAR DATED 12/08/2025 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO NOTIFICATION DATED 11/08/2025 BEARING NO.MAG(CR) 12/2024-25, BY THE TAHASILDAR, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK, IN RESPECT OF SY.NO.26/1 OF THAGACHAGUPPE VILLAGE, AND SY.NO.11 AND 51/1 OF GUDIMAVU VILLAGE, KENGERI HOBLI, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK, VIDE ANNEXURE-B, BY ISSUE OF CERTIORARI; II) ISSUE DIRECTION, DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS 2, 3 AND 4 TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION DATED 14/08/2025 VIDE ANNEXURES-C, D AND E RESPECTIVELY.

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



CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is an artisan and he asserts that he makes his livelihood crafting eco-friendly Gowri and Ganesha idols using clay, paper and other biodegradable material [eco-friendly idols] and that even his forefathers have been artisans. The petitioner is aggrieved by the fourth respondent's decision to seal his premises purportedly because the petitioner has stocked idols made using plaster of paris [P.O.P. Idols].

Sri M.B.Chandra Chooda, the learned counsel for the petitioner, fairly submits that the petitioner for the current season has only ensured that the idols are *eco-friendly*, but there are certain other *P.O.P. Idols* and that this Court must intervene to permit the petitioner, lest his livelihood be affected, to open the premises to only sell *eco-friendly Idols*



with appropriate direction to the fourth respondent to dismantle, at the petitioners cost, *P.O.P. Idols*.

Sri Shamanth Naik, a learned High Court Government Pleader, is heard in the light of the afore. This Court is of the opinion that if the petitioner, for reasons, has in his custody *P.O.P. Idols*, but has crafted *eco-friendly idols*, the entire premises cannot be under seal and it would be just and proper for the fourth respondent to dismantle the *P.O.P. Idols* as now stated by Sri M.B.Chandra Chooda at the petitioner's cost and permit the use of *eco-friendly Idols*. Hence the following

ORDER

The petition is allowed directing the fourth respondent to break open the seal and to dismantle the *POP idols* in the petitioner's premises at the petitioner's cost and ensure





measures are taken that the petitioner deals only with the eco-friendly idols.

SD/-(B M SHYAM PRASAD) JUDGE

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