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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).8374/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-10-2025 in WP No.12689/2021 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

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PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

H.N.SONNAPPA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 27-04-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. D P Chaturvedi, Adv.
Mr. Tarun Kumar Thakur, Adv.
Mr. Abhay Choudhary M, Adv.
Ms. Anuradha Mutatkar, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Shyam Divan, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Sukant Vikram, Adv.
Mr. Gaurav Goel, AOR
Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Bharadwaj S., AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. As per Office Report dated 24.04.2026, service of notice upon respondent nos.1,2,5,10 and 12 to 21 stands served but none has entered appearance on behalf of the served respondents. Notice has not been delivered to respondent nos.3 to 4 and 6 to 9.
2. Let fresh steps for service upon respondent nos.3 to 4 and 6

to 9 be taken within one (01) week from today, failing which the Special Leave Petition shall stand automatically dismissed for non-prosecution without further reference to the Court.

3. In the event steps being taken, issue fresh notice to the unserved respondents, returnable on 20.07.2026.

4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

5. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that the respondents are required to file their counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

6. Let counter affidavit be filed by appearing respondent(s) within two (02) weeks. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, be filed within one (01) week thereafter.

7. In the interest of justice, we request and appoint Mr. Pranay Chitale, learned counsel (email id:pranay.chitale@gmail.com, enrolment no.:MAH/5977/2017), as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court on behalf of respondent nos.1,5,10 and 18 to 21.

8. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of one (01) week.

9. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with respondent nos.1,5,10 and 18 to 21 directly, in writing, apprising them of the pendency of the present petition; the passing of the present order; their right to engage a counsel of their choice; and their right to be represented through a legal aid counsel, subject to eligibility.

10. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairperson of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall have the respondents apprised of their aforesaid rights.

11. Learned *amicus curiae* shall file the compliance affidavit before the next date of listing.

12. It is clarified that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if respondents are represented by a duly engaged counsel.

13. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

14. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

(SOURAV PAL)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)