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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

W.P.NO.10681/2019 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

Akhanda Karnataka Raitha Sangha

... PETITIONER

AND:

Union of India
and others

... RESPONDENTS

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AFFIDAVIT FILED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.7 - STATE

I, Brijesh Kumar Dikshit, son of Late Jagdamba Prasad Dikshit, aged about 56 years, presently serving as Commissioner for Agriculture and also the Director General, Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute, Bengaluru, do hereby solemnly affirm as follows:

2. I have filed the Affidavit dated 12.01.2020 before this Hon'ble Court. In my Affidavit, particulars apart from the establishment of State Level Grievance Redressal Committee and District Level Grievance Redressal Committee, also stated the details of the claims submitted by the farmers of Shahpur Taluk and also the details of the settlement of the insurance claims.

The Hon'ble Court having considered the same, had directed the

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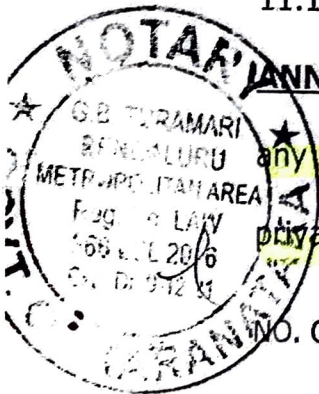
State to ensure that all the farmers receive the benefits under the insurance policy. Accordingly, we have taken the action and all the farmers eligible have been paid, and there are no claims pending as of now.

3. The Regional Commissioner who was appointed by the Government to conduct the enquiry into the Farmers' suicides in Shahpur Taluk, has submitted the Report dated 22.02.2021. Copy of the same is herewith produced as **ANNEXURE - R14**. As per the Report, from the year 2016 till the year 2020-21, 125 people have committed suicide and 105 people were found to be eligible for the benefits extended by the Government and eligibility is decided by the committee headed by Assistant Commissioner, Sub-Division and as per the guidelines of the Government. Before 2015, the limit of compensation payable to the family of those who have committed suicide was Rupees Two Lakhs, which was extended to Rupees Five Lakhs per family vide Government Order dated 11.11.2015. Copy of the order is herewith produced as

ANNEXURE - R15. The Government has no control nor there is any regulation preventing farmers from taking any loan from private money lenders, and therefore this aspect is one of the

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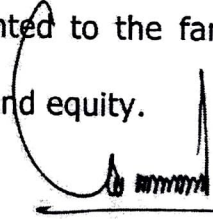
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reasons for determining the eligibility of the farmers to extend the benefit . However, If the same family who have suffered at the hands of private money lenders, also have taken loan from the Banks or other notified institutions, the family is still would be entitled for the benefit, subject to satisfaction of any and or all other conditions.

4. The Government has already submitted the Schemes, which are announced for the benefit of those families of the farmers who committed suicide, along with the Statement of Objections.

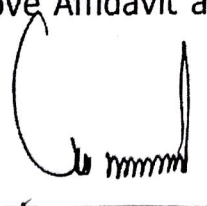
5. In view of the above, I humbly pray that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to make appropriate order after considering the relief that would be granted to the farmers of Shahpur Taluk, in the interests of justice and equity.

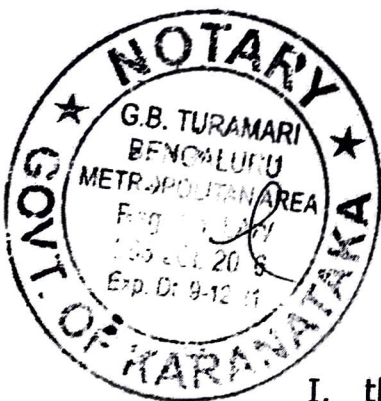

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VERIFICATION

I, the above named Deponent, do hereby verify that all the facts stated in the above Affidavit are true to my knowledge

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and that, no part thereof is false and nothing material is concealed there-from.

VERIFIED at Bengaluru, on this the ^{9th} day of February, 2021.


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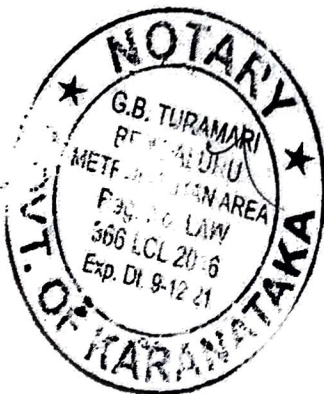
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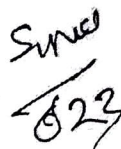
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