

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. RITU RAJ AWASTHI, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO.14925 OF 2020 (LB-FLE-PIL)

BETWEEN:

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY REGISTRAR GENERAL
BENGALURU-560001

...PETITIONER

(SUO MOTO PETITION)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BENGALURU-560001
2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
VIKHASA SOUDHA
BENGALURU-560001
3. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
MS BUILDING, BENGALURU-560001
4. KARNATAKA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
KSCMF BUILDING, CUNNINGHAM ROAD
VASANTHANAGAR, BENGALURU-560052
REP BY CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER
5. CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
NIRVACHANA NILAYA

MAHARANI'S COLLEGE CIRCLE
SHESHADRI ROAD
BENGALURU-560001

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. VANI.H, AGA FOR R1 TO R3;
SRI.K.N. PAHNINDRA, SR. ADVOCATE FOR
SMT. VAISHALI HEGDE, ADVOCATE FOR R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS TO THE CORPORATIONS/MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATE OF CLAUSE (3) OF ARTICLE 243U OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA AND ETC.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING THIS DAY, **CHIEF JUSTICE** MADE THE FOLLOWING:

ORDER

1. This writ petition was initiated *suo moto* for directing the respondents to conduct the elections to the Corporations/Municipalities in the State in order to comply with the mandate of Sub-clause (3) of Article 243-U of the Constitution of India. This Court vide order dated 17.11.2021 had issued directions to the State Government and the Karnataka State Election Commission to notify the Local Body elections and the schedule for holding the elections and thereafter complete the election process to the Local Bodies by 30.12.2021.

2. Mr.K.N.Phanindra, learned Senior advocate appearing for respondent No.4- Karnataka State Election Commission informs the Court that in compliance of Court's directions, all the elections to the Local Bodies and the Municipalities in the State have been completed by 30.12.2021 except the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and Vijayapura Municipal Corporation regarding whom the matter is pending before the Apex Court.
3. Learned Additional Government Advocate endorses the statement given by the learned Senior advocate for respondent NO.4.
4. In view of the above, we are of the considered view that the cause for which the writ petition was initiated has been fulfilled.
The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

**Sd/-
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-
JUDGE**