



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 24153 OF 2025 (GM-MM-S)

BETWEEN:

1. M/S PLATINUM GRANITE EXPORTERS
6/170, G K MOHALLA, G P ROAD
CAMARAJANAGARA TOWN
AND DISTRICT - 571 313
REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER

SRI M. AHAMED-UL-HAQ
S/O G.M. ZIA-UL-HAQ
AGED ABOUT 70 YEARS
R/AT NO. 6/170, G.P. ROAD
A.P. MOHALLA
CHAMARAJANAGAR - 571 313

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. B.V. VIDYULATHA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRIES (MINES)-2
VIKASA SOUDHA
BENGALURU - 560 001
2. DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY



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KHANIJA BHAVAN
RACE COURSE ROAD
BENGALURU - 560 001

3. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT TASK FORCE (MINES)
CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT
CHAMARAJANAGAR - 571 313
4. DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT
CHAMARAJANAGAR - 571 313
5. SENIOR GEOLOGIST
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR GEOLOGIST
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
NO.318, 317, 3RD FLOOR
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
CHAMARAJANAGAR TALUK AND DISTRICT

...RESPONDENTS

(BY MS. NILOUFER AKBAR, AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR WRIT OR ORDER OR DIRECTION, QUASHING PORTION OF THE PROCEEDINGS DATED 04.11.2024 OF THE 3RD RESPONDENT, DISTRICT TASK FORCE (MINES) AT SL.No.5 AT ANNEXURE-J-1 TO THE PETITION, IN SO FAR AS PETITIONER IS CONCERNED & ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

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ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice for the respondents.
2. The petitioner has filed the present petition, *inter alia*, impugning the proceedings of respondent No.3-District Task Force (Mines) dated 04.11.2024, whereby a decision was taken to cancel the quarry lease granted in Sy.No.159 of Heggotara village and Sy.No.239 of Muttige village and to proceed in accordance with law.
3. The petitioner has been granted a quarry lease over a land measuring 1-00 acre falling in Survey No.159 of Heggotara Village, Chamarajanagara Taluk and District. The District Task Force Committee had taken a decision pursuant to the communication sent by the Chairman of District Legal Services Authority [**DLSA**], Chamarajanagara.
4. The learned counsel for the parties stated that the communication of the DLSA as well as the proceedings of the District Task Force (Mines) are impugned by the quarry holders

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concerning quarry leasehold rights over lands in Sy.No.159 and in W.P.Nos.13204/2025 (GM-RES-PIL) and other connected matters¹, which were disposed of by an order dated 11.08.2025.

5. This Court had directed that the grievance of the petitioners in those cases be considered by the concerned authority in accordance with the Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1994 [**The KMMC Rules**].

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the present petition be also disposed of in the same terms.

7. Thus for the reasons as set out in the order dated 11.08.2025 passed in W.P.No.13204/2025 and connected matters, the present petition is disposed of on similar terms.

**Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE**

KMV
List No.: 2 SI No.: 9

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