NC: 2023:KHC:28574
WP No. 17146 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNA S DIXIT

WRIT PETITION NO. 17146 OF 2023 (GM-PASS)

BETWEEN:

BHAVANI VASU SHETTY
AGED ABOUT 81 YEARS,
D/O VADDU SHETTY,
1-106, BADAGU HOUSE,
KATPADI, MANIPURA POST 574 105.
UDUPI.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRASANNA K.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. UNION OF INDIA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
   MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
   JAWAHARALAL NEHRU BHAVAN, 23-D,
   JANPATH, NEW DELHI - 110 011.

2. THE JOINT SECRETARY
   MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
   JAWAHARLAL NEHRU BHAVAN 23-D,
   JANPATH, NEW DELHI 110 011.

3. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER
   REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE,
   8TH BLOCK, 80FEET ROAD,
   KORAMANGALA,
   BENGALURU 560 095.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. SHRIDEVI BHOSALE M.,ADVOCATE FOR R1 – R3)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE DIRECTION REVERSING AND SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER / ENDORSEMENT IN NO.SCN/3114560153/23 DTD 03.04.2023 PASSED BY THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER, KORAMANGALA, BENGALURU I.E., THE R3 HEREIN, REJECTING THE APPLICATION FILED BY THE PETITIONER ANNEXURE-F.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING THIS DAY, THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING:

ORDER

The subject matter of this Writ Petition is substantially similar to the one in W.P.No.57756/2015 (GM-PASS) between MR. SUMEDHA R. BHOSEKAR vs. UNION OF INDIA, disposed off by a Coordinate Bench of this Court on 14.06.2016 wherein some reprieve has been granted to the litigant therein.

2. A Division Bench of this Court in W.A.Nos. 932-933/1974 between A.V.VINODA & ANOTHER Vs. STATE OF KARNATAKA BY ITS COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY disposed of on 11.12.1974, has held that the Court should treat the like-cases alike and if relief is granted to a litigant it has to be extended to a similarly circumstanced litigant as well, there being no derogatory circumstances.

In the above circumstances, In view of the above, relief granted to the litigant in the cognate Writ Petition is extended to the Petitioner herein as well, *mutantis mutandis.*

All contentions are kept open.

No costs.

Sd/-
JUDGE

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