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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI

AND

THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE TARA VITASTA GANJU

WRIT PETITION NO.20645 OF 2026 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

G V POORNACHANDRA
S/O G R VASANTH KUMAR
AGED ABOUT 18 YEARS,
R/O GANGANAHALLI
NEAR WATER FILTER
CHIKKAGULA POST OFFICE
RATHNASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 137
KEA CET APPLICATION NO: 730031080
SPORTS DISCIPLINE: SHOOTING (OLYMPIC DISCIPLINE)

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. DEEPAK SHETTY, ADVOCATE)

Digitally signed by SUMATHY KANNAN
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS,
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
M S BUILDING
BENGALURU – 560 001.

2. THE COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS (DYES)
NRUPATHUNGA ROAD
BENGALORE – 560 001.

3. THE JOINT DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND
SPORTS (DYES)
NRUPATHUNGA ROAD
BENGALORE – 560 001.

4. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND
SPORTS (DYES)
NRUPATHUNGA ROAD
BENGALORE – 560 001.

5. THE PRINCIPAL SECREATRY
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
M S BUILDING
BENGALURU – 560 001

6. THE COMMISSIONER,
KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY (KEA)
18TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM
BANGALORE – 560 012

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. PRATHIMA HONNAPURA, AAG A/W
SMT. PRAMODHINI KISHAN, AGA FOR R1-R5;
SRI. N.K.RAMESH, ADVOCATE FOR R6)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO QUASH THE NON-ELIGIBILITY LIST DATED NIL ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NOS.2 TO 3 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.6 ON 05/07/2026 IN THEIR OFFICIAL PORTAL IN SO FAR AS PETITIONER IN CONCERN. THE COPY OF THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED NIL ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NOS.2 TO 3 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.6 ON 05/07/2026 IN THEIR OFFICIAL PORTAL IS HEREWITH PRODUCED AS ANNEXURE-A AND ETC

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI
and
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE TARA VITASTA GANJU

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAYANT BANERJI)

This petition is filed seeking to challenge the undated non-eligibility list which was published by the Commissioner, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) on 05.07.2026 in their official portal which, is stated to contain the name of the petitioner.

2. It is contented by the learned counsel for the petitioner that under the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions (Amendment) Rules, 2024, Rule 9 of the original Rules have been substituted to include those candidates who have represented the State or the Country and have participated in sports

competitions during the last three financial years including the financial year in which the candidate has applied for Common Entrance Test (CET) under the Sports Quota, are required to be considered. It is his case that the petitioner is fully eligible to be considered under the Sports Quota. All necessary documents have been submitted by him before the KEA at the time of applying for the UGCET- 2026 admissions.

3. We have heard the learned Additional Advocate General assisted by the learned AGA as well as Shri N.K. Ramesh, learned counsel appearing for the KEA. The submission of the learned Additional Advocate General is that it is essential criteria for the candidate to have represented the State or the Country to be considered for admission under the Sports Quota.

4. In our considered opinion, it would be appropriate if the Commissioner / respondent No.2, who is the designated Authority as provided in the Brochure issued by

the KEA pertaining to UGCET-2026, to take a decision in the matter. We therefore permit the petitioner to move a fresh representation enclosing all documents and raising all lawful contentions that are available to him. This representation shall be filed before the respondent No.2, tomorrow (09.07.2026) in the forenoon.

5. The Commissioner / respondent No.2 is directed to afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner at 5.00 p.m. on 09.07.2026. The petitioner is permitted to place all documents in support of his submissions before the Commissioner. Thereafter the Commissioner / respondent No.2 shall take a decision and pass a speaking order, which shall be communicated to the petitioner. The Commissioner shall have time till 11.07.2026 to communicate the order to the petitioner. Till 15.07.2026, the respondents shall ensure that online option entry is kept open for the petitioner.

6. The petition is disposed of accordingly. All pending applications also stand disposed of.

Sd/-
(JAYANT BANERJI)
JUDGE

Sd/-
(TARA VITASTA GANJU)
JUDGE

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