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# DySP suicide: Case against George, IPS officers quashed

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**Bengaluru:** The high court on Wednesday quashed the order of the special court rejecting the B report submitted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with the suicide of deputy superintendent of police (DySP) **MK Ganapathy**.



Former minister KJ George and IPS officers Pronab Mohanty and AM Prasad had challenged the August 28, 2020 order of the trial court.

After rejecting the October 30, 2019 closure report, the trial court had summoned the trio. A directive was also issued for registering a case under IPC section 306 against all them for abetment to suicide.

The petitioners have claimed the CBI had filed a closure report after a thorough probe and it had been mentioned that Ganapathy committed suicide because of family

## Riots case: Hearing on ex-mayor's plea adjourned

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**Bengaluru:** The high court on Wednesday adjourned to next week, the hearing on a petition filed by former BBMP mayor Sampath Raj seeking for quashing of a case registered against him in relation to the August 11 violence in east Bengaluru.

Raj, who is stated to be absconding, has been accused of conspiring to set on fire Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivasamurthy's house in Kaval Byrasandra. Raj's counsel claimed that the provisions of SC/ST Act cannot be invoked against the petitioner as he also belongs to the said category.

problems and depression. The special court could not have taken cognizance without there being prior sanction as contemplated under the Criminal Procedure Code as well as the Kar-

However, P Prasanna Kumar, special public prosecutor, opposed the plea contending that an absconding-accused is not entitled to seek quashing of the proceedings in the first place.



Opposing the grant of any interim relief, he further argued that a more serious offence under section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) has been registered against the petitioner, who as the former mayor of the city and a law-abiding citizen should have appeared before the law enforcement agencies.

After hearing both sides, Justice Suraj Govindaraj posted the matter to November 12 for further hearing.

nataka Police Act, insofar as the two police officers are concerned, they contended. The CBI claimed that the harassment, if any, was four years prior to Ganapathy's suicide. Con-

## 'Review nod given to fell trees for Metro project'

The HC on Wednesday directed the committee of experts appointed by it to take a fresh look at the October 17 official memorandum granting permission for felling 40 trees located along the Namma Metro project alignment in east Bengaluru.

The court noted that this was necessary as most of the permission orders were somewhat identical in nature, though trees are of different species and located at various places. Till the completion of the exercise, no tree must be cut. The high court is hearing a PIL filed by Bangalore Environment Trust, seeking a direction to conduct tree census in the city. **TNN**

sidering these aspects, Justice John Michael Cunha quashed the proceedings.

Ganapathy was found hanging in a lodge room in Madikeri town on July 7, 2016.

## Court slams officer for making false statement

**Bengaluru:** Observing the provisions of the Disaster Management Act-2005 is not being implemented properly, the high court on Wednesday directed the government to come clean on the issue.

A division bench noted that right from the establishment of the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority to district-level authorities, the implementation is lacking as necessary rules are not yet framed. The court took K Umaphathi, joint secretary of the disaster management, stamps and registration department, to task for making a false statement to the court in November last year, claiming the rules are being amended from time to time.

"The officer of the disaster management department doesn't know the difference between rules and government orders. That itself is a disaster," the court said and asked him to submit explanation by the next hearing. **TNN**