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SC-appointed panel submits report against Kodihalli for misinformation

'The farmers' leader was virtually trying to negate the order of Supreme Court'

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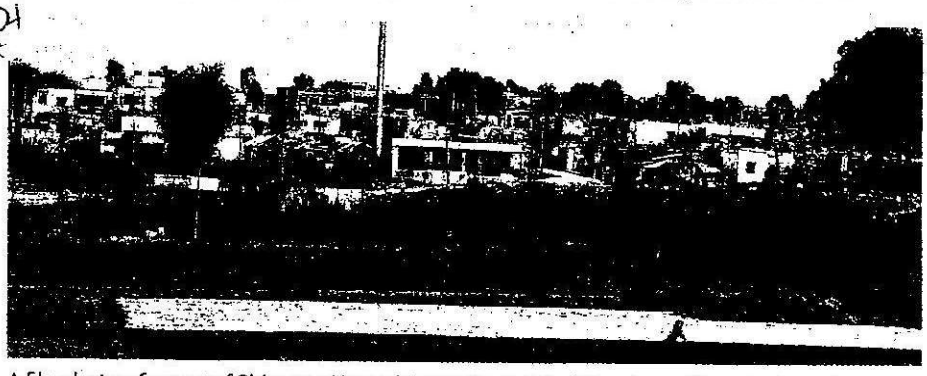
The Supreme Court-appointed committee, which is looking into lawful constructions made on land notified for formation of Shivaram Karanth Layout, has submitted a report against Kodihalli Chandrashekar of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) for allegedly spreading misinformation about the formation of the layout and "virtually trying to negate the order of the Supreme Court."



A file photo of a part of Shivaram Karanth Layout near Medi Agrahara village in Bengaluru.

In March, the committee, headed by Justice A.V. Chandrashekar (retd), had a served notice to the farmers' leader for spreading misinformation and dissuading people from submitting documents of buildings built on the notified land. The notice was issued based on video footages and social media messages where he allegedly asked people not to share the details with the committee.

"After we served a notice to him (Mr. Kodihalli) on March 24, he held a protest at Mourya Circle against the formation of the layout. On the day of the protest, Mr. Kodihalli claimed that the Chief Minister, responding to his requisitions, assured him that an appeal would be made before the Supreme Court through the Advocate-General to drop the formation of the layout and this was reported by several media. However, BDA chairperson and MLA of Yelahanka constituency, S.R. Vishwanath, who was present when Mr. Kodihalli met the Chief Minister, refuted the claims made by him and said the Chief Minister did not make any such promises," he said.

Mr. Chandrashekar further added that after the protest, some people displayed flexes in the villages notified for the layout 'thanking' the Chief Minister for dropping the plan for formation of the layout.

"The act of Mr. Kodihalli has led to confusion among people who were willing to submit documents before the committee. We are not getting documents from the general public as we had expected. He did not reply to notices served by the committee. We have submitted a report against him to the Supreme Court."

However, Mr. Chandrashekar did not divulge the content of the report submitted to the court.

The committee maintained that as per the Supreme Court, formation of the layout will happen and the BDA is on the job of acquiring land. "Both the State government and the BDA had filed affidavit before the court that all necessary steps will be taken for formation of the layout. We appeal to the