

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತು

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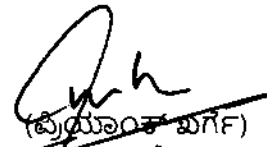
ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹೆಸರು : ಡಾ.ಧನಂಜಯ ಸರ್ಜಿ (ಪದವೀಧರರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಿಂದ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾದವರು)

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ಉತ್ತರಿಸುವವರು : ಮಾನ್ಯ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಜೈವಿಕ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಚಿವರು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ	ಉತ್ತರ
(ಅ)	2010ರ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಜೇಷ್ಠತಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸಲು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್ ಪ್ರತಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು;	ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿದೆ.
(ಆ)	ಸದರಿ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 2010ರ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಜೇಷ್ಠತಾ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ದಿನಾಂಕ:19.03.2010 ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಯಾವ ನಿಯಮಗಳಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ?	ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿ ಅಂತಿಮ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ವಿವಿಧ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ನಂತರದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ವಿವಿಧ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ, ಕಾರ್ಯ ವರದಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಉಂಟಾಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಣೆಗಾರರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಸೂಕ್ತವಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಗೊಂಡ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವಾದ ಅಂದರೆ ಮೊದಲ ಹಂತದ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಆದೇಶ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:19-03-2010 ನ್ನು ಜೇಷ್ಠತೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ದಿನಾಂಕವಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
(ಇ)	ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಸಿ.ಆ.ಸು.ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಪಡೆದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು;	ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ನೀಡಿರುವ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನದನ್ವಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
(ಈ)	ಸದರಿ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್ ಯಾವ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ; ಕಡತದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು?	ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಅಫಿಡವಿಟ್‌ಗೆ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಕಡತದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖಾ ಸಚಿವರ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಗ್ರಾಅಪ 346 ಗ್ರಾಪಂಆ 2026


(ಪ್ರಿಯಾಂಕಾ ಖರ್ಗೆ)

ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಜೈವಿಕ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಚಿವರು.

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IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE
BENGAJURU

W.P.No.4324/2021 (P-GRAT)
& Connected Matters

BETWEEN:

MANOHARA R S & OTHERS

...PETITIONER

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA & OTHERS

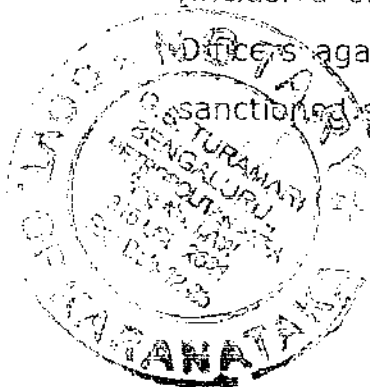
...RESPONDENTS

AFFIDAVIT

I, Randeep D, S/o. Davendran, aged 40 years, working as Secretary to Government, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj M.S. Building, Bengaluru, I do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:-

1. I state that I am presently working as the Secretary of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, (Panchayat Raj), Government of Karnataka and I am well conversant with the facts of the case and hence swearing to this affidavit.

2. I state that the cadre of Panchayat Development Officer ("PDO") was constituted as a District Level cadre for the purposes of recruitment and seniority. In terms of the Karnataka General Service (Development Branch & Local Government Branch) (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2008, the post of Panchayat Development Officer was to be filled up 67% by direct recruitment and 33% by promotion from the cadre of Grama Panchayat Secretary and Rural Development Assistant (Grade-I) [inclusive of onetime merger of posts of Panchayat Extension Office's against promotional quota]. In the said Rule, the total sanctioned strength in respect of each cadre for permanent and



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employment posts is provided and in respect of the Cadre of PDO the total sanctioned strength of permanent posts is 5628. However, just because the total sanctioned strength across the State has been mentioned in the Karnataka General Service (Development Board and Local Government Branch) (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2008, that does not make the PDO cadre a State Level Cadre. It is also pertinent to state that by virtue of the Karnataka General Services (Development Branch And Local Government Branch) (Cadre And Recruitment) (Amendment) Rules 2024, the District Level Cadre of PDO has been converted to a State Level Cadre, which was also the subject matter of challenge in W.P.No.11950/2025 and the said amendment has been upheld. Hence the said cadre of PDO when constituted was a District Level Cadre and continued to be District Level Cadre till Amendment to the C & R Rules in 2024, which were notified on 13-03-2024. Copies of the 2008 C & R Rules, 2024 Amendment to the C & R Rules and the final order dated 16-07-2025 in W.P.No.11950/2025 are produced herewith as DOCUMENT Nos.1 to 3.

3. I state that a common recruitment notification in respect of all the vacancies in different Districts was published vide Recruitment Notification dated 07-07-2009 notifying 2500 posts of PDO's for Recruitment in 29 Districts and the vacancies in each of the Districts were notified separately along with reservation roster. It was also specified therein that the method of selection would be based on the marks obtained in the competitive examination and that there will be one common competitive examination and a candidate could apply only in respect of posts relating to one District. Hence, in order to



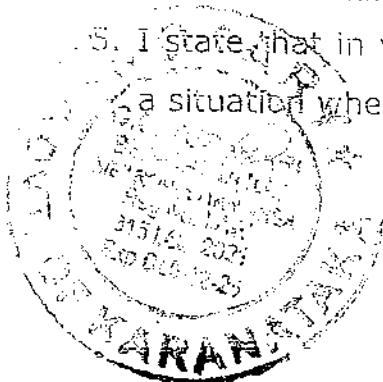
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marks of the candidates of each district and the marks of all the candidates of each district are available to determine the State level Seniority. However since the selection was District Level though based on a common examination, the concerned appointing authorities for each District i.e., Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayats of respective Districts have published separate selection list for each of the Districts. This procedure is in terms of the Karnataka General Service (Development Branch & Local Government Branch) Recruitment of Panchayat Development Officers (Special) [Recruitment] Rules, 2003. Copy of the 2009 Special Recruitment Rules are produced herewith as DOCUMENT No.4.

4. I state that though the recruitment was by way of the common notification and common examination the final selection lists were published on four different dates in different Districts and accordingly appointment orders were also issued on four different dates. The details are as follows:

Sl. No.	No. of Districts	Date of the notification of final selection list	Date of the appointment order	Date which was specified for duty reporting
1	18	10-03-2010	19-03-2010	05-04-2010
2	9	12-04-2010	12-04-2010	27-04-2010
3	1	13-04-2010	13-04-2010	28-04-2010
4	2 (Originally one District, which was bifurcated subsequently)	21-07-2010	02-08-2010	16-08-2010

5. I state that in view of the aforesaid factual situation resulting in a situation where a candidate who has secured higher rank in the



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state level merit on account of being selected in any of the districts at Sl.No.2, 3 & 4 above will possibly be placed below in the seniority in the state level seniority list by applying the principle of continuous length of service as in Rule 7-A of the Karnataka Government Servants' (Seniority) Rules, 1957. In view of this and in view of the fact that the publication of the selection list on subsequent date and also the consequential fixing of the date of reporting and also the date of issuance of the appointment order at different points of time in different districts, cannot be held against the candidates who appeared in the common examination, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is of the opinion that a common date preferably the first date of the appointment orders (i.e., 19-03-2010) is to be taken into consideration for the purpose of reckoning the seniority of all the direct recruits of 2010 batch, so that the consequent anomalous situation in fixation of seniority can be avoided.

6. In so far as the promotees are concerned, the date for seniority will be reckoned from the date of order of promotion to the promotee post, which is the general principle reckoning seniority relating to promotees. The copy of the Karnataka Government Servants (Seniority) Rules, 1957 is produced herewith as Document No.5.

7. WHEREFORE, it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to take this affidavit on record, in the interest of justice and equity.

BENGALURU
DATE: 22.09.2025



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