

**Before the Hon'ble Empowered Committee on Bengaluru Roads**

**Constituted per interim direction of  
Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka**

**In**

**Writ Petition (PIL) No. 7107/2008**

**Petitioners Interim Application No. 3/2008**

Bengaluru, 08 August 2008

**In. Re.:** Request opportunity of participation in meeting of the Hon'ble Empowered Committee on par with those already extended to the Respondents, and early disposal of pending applications

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned Petitioners have made the following Applications under acknowledgement:

1. Interim Application 1: Re: Making of interim arrangement with respect to felling of trees and road widening pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No. 7107/2008 filed on 23 July 2008
2. Interim Application 2: Re: Initiation of appropriate action against the officials of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the officials of the Karnataka State Forest Department for violating the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No. 7107/2008 filed on 23 July 2008
3. Letter dated 23 July 2008 requesting that Petitioners be allowed to observe the proceeding of the Empowered Committee constituted by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No. 7107/2008 and also to be provided a copy of the minutes.

In addition, Petitioners 1, 2 and 3 personally appeared before the Hon'ble Empowered Committee on 25 July 2008 requesting participation rights as had already been extended previously and on that very day to the Respondents. The Chair, however, chose to evict the Petitioners without explanation.

In the period subsequent to the meeting of the Hon'ble Empowered Committee held on 25 July 2008 there has been widespread felling of trees on many streets in the city as a component of road widening. In particular such felling and/or translocation of trees was consequent to road widening of Palace Road and Sarjapur Road. These acts constitute an illegality that is in addition to those that were already committed by Respondents 6 and 7 disregarding the directions of the Hon'ble Court as adverted to in Petitioners Interim Application No. 2. The Petitioners submit that the prayer in Interim Application – 2 hold good in the present cases too.

The Petitioners state that in view of the observation of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka that they could request for an "interim arrangement" the applications as above mentioned had

been filed. However, no opportunity whatsoever has been afforded to the Petitioners to make their submissions regarding the said applications.

### PRAYER

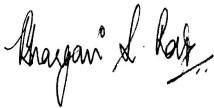
Hence we call upon the Committee to provide us an opportunity to advance our submissions in the next meeting of the Hon'ble Committee. We request the Committee to expedite the Hearing of the above applications in view of the continuing disregard demonstrated by Respondents 6 and 7 in engaging in such actions as mentioned above without the prior permission of the Committee.

In the event there is any delay in considering our applications, it would render the directions in WP No. 7107/2008 infructuous. The damage caused by the actions of the aforesaid Respondents is one which is irreparable, cannot be compensated later and in clear contempt of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in WP No. 7107/2008.

Hence, the Petitioners request that their applications are treated on priority and disposed off with due dispatch in the interests of equity and justice.

Thanking you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely




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