

**KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA**

No. Compt/Uplok/GLB-8579/2011/DRE-3

Multi Storied Building,  
Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,  
Bangalore-560 001,  
Date: 04.07.2016.**REPORT UNDER SECTION 12(1) OF  
KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA ACT, 1984**

Sub: Making recommendation to recover the misappropriated amount from (1) Shri. Vishwanatha Reddy, President, Honagera Grama Panchayath & (2) Shri. Ravindra Bandahalli, Member of Honagera Grama Panchayath - reg.

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This complaint is filed by Shri. Hanamanth S/o Bheemanna Bhalichakra against (1) Shri. Vishwanatha Reddy, President, Honagera Grama Panchayath & (2) Shri. Ravindra Bandahalli, Member of Honagera Grama Panchayath with the following allegations;

- The President and some members of Honagera Grama Panchayath have forged the signatures and by writing cheques in their names have got credited about 80 lakhs money to their account at Karnataka Grameena Bank.
- In the year 2009-10 without writing M.B. and NMR, the cheques for wages and materials is written in their names, got deposited money to their account at Karnataka Grameena Bank by forging signatures.
- Instead of Secretary of Grama Panchayath, the respondent no.1 had taken the files for auditing of the year 2009-10.
- The audited files for the year 2009-10 are not found in the Grama Panchayath.

- In the year 2010-11 without doing any work bills are raised showing plantation by the forest department. Without construction of S. Hosahalli bus stand, money was raised. When villagers protested it, they have repaid money to the Bank. Public money is spent in excess of action plan. Water distribution is shown in 4 schemes and the public money is looted. Hence has prayed to take action against the respondents and to remove them under Sec. 12(H) of the Karnataka Panchayath Raj Act, 1993.

2) Report from the Executive Officer, T.P., Yadagir was called, who in turn has submitted the report dated 07.09.2011. In the said report, it is found that both respondent no.1 and 2 have misappropriated the funds of MGNREG scheme without carrying out any work.

3) Vide letter dated 12.10.2011, the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Yadagir by observing that respondent no.1 - Shri. Vishwanathareddy, President of Grama Panchayath has misappropriated Rs.6,10,677/- and respondent no. 2 Shri. Ravindra Bandahalli, Member of Grama Panchayath has misappropriated Rs.11,53,148/-, had directed the Executive Officer, T.P., Yadagir to register a criminal case against them and others. The Criminal case in Cr.No. 137/2011 at Yadagir Police Station is registered against the said respondents and others for the offence under Sec. 409, 417, 419, 420, 465, 468 r/w 34 of IPC.

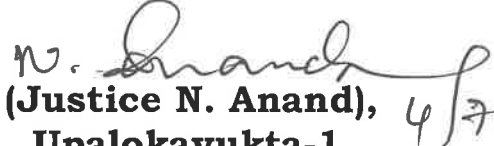
4) The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Yadagir vide letter dated 16.02.2012 has sought the Principal Secretary, RDPR to cancel the membership of the respondents. Vide order of Government in no. RDP 133 GPS 2012, Bengaluru dated 04.02.2013, the membership of both respondent no.1 and 2 has been cancelled under Sec. 43(A) of the Karnataka Panchayath Raj Act, 1993.

5) The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Yadagir vide letter dated 19/27.09.2014 has directed the Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayath, Yadagir to recover the misappropriated amount of Rs.6,10,677/- from Shri. Vishwanathareddy/respondent no.1 and Rs.11,53,148/- from Shri. Ravindra Bandhalli/respondent no.2 under Sec. 157(2) of Karnataka Panchayath Raj Act, 1993. Even though the Executive Officer, T.P., Yadagir has initiated some action to recover the money by forfeiting their properties, but the misappropriated money is not shown to be recovered from respondent no.1 and 2.

6) In spite of repeated reminders seeking action taken report for recovering the misappropriated money, no report showing recovery of money is made to this authority either by the Executive Officer, T.P., Yadagir or the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Yadagir.

7) Hence, this report under Sec. 12(1) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 is sent to the Competent Authority for taking action against respondent no.1 and 2 to recover the misappropriated money. The Competent Authority is required to intimate action taken under Sec. 12(2) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 to this authority within one month from the date of receipt of this report.

Connected records are enclosed.

  
**(Justice N. Anand),** 4/7  
**Upalokayukta-1,**  
**State of Karnataka.**

