

Jayna Kothari

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE DINESH MAHESHWARI, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.G. PANDIT

WRIT PETITION No.34188 OF 2018 (GM-RES-PIL)

BETWEEN:

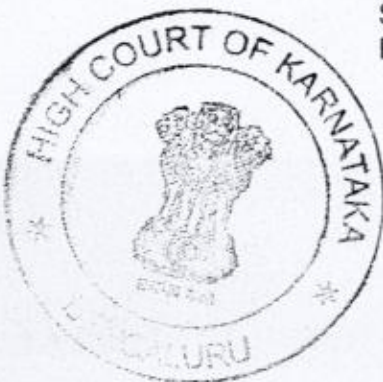
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND  
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT:  
#S-372, BHARAT NAGAR  
2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE, NEAR KARNATAKA BANK  
MAGADI MAIN ROAD  
BANGALORE-560 091  
REPRESENTED THROUGH ITS  
GENERAL SECRETARY  
MR. GAUTAM PRAKASH AGARWAL.

... PETITIONER

(BY SMT. JAYNA KOTHARI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE BANGALORE METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORT CORPORATION  
CENTRAL OFFICE,  
SHANTI NAGAR  
BANGALORE-560 027  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.
2. THE KARNATAKA STATE ROAD  
TRANSPORT CORPORATION  
TRANSPORT HOUSE,  
K.H. ROAD  
SHANTI NAGAR  
BANGALORE-560 027



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REPRESENTED BY ITS  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

3. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
THROUGH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
M.S.BUILDING  
BANGALORE-560 001  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

4. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
THROUGH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
M.S.BUILDING  
BANGALORE-560 001  
REPRESENTED BY ITS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. H. R. RENUKA, ADVOCATE FOR R1 & R2  
SRI. S.H.PRASHANTA, AGA FOR R3 &R4)

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THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226  
AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO  
DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NO.1 TO QUASH THE IMPUGNED  
CIRCULAR NO.469/2018 DATED 06.06.2018 ANNEXED AS  
ANNEXURE-C TO THE EXTENT THAT IT CANCELS THE  
FACILITY OF FREE BUS TRAVEL TO PERSONS WITH  
BLINDNESS IN THE VAJRA (VOLVO) BUSES AND ETC.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY  
HEARING THIS DAY, **CHIEF JUSTICE** MADE THE FOLLOWING:





**ORDER**

Learned counsel for the respondent – Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation has now placed on record another corrigendum issued on 19.09.2018 by the Managing Director – BMTC rectifying the order issued on 17.09.2018.

It is difficult to appreciate that even though the corrigendum is signed on 19.09.2018, it continues to carry the date of 17.09.2018. Be that as it may

In view of this corrigendum No.469A/2018, one of the issues, as raised in this petition, questioning the action of the respondents cancelling free bus pass travel to persons with blindness in Vajra (Volvo) Buses is taken care of and no other order is required in that regard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has attempted to make submissions in regard to the other prayer that such facility may be provided for all the persons with 40% visual disability as per Section 2(r) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

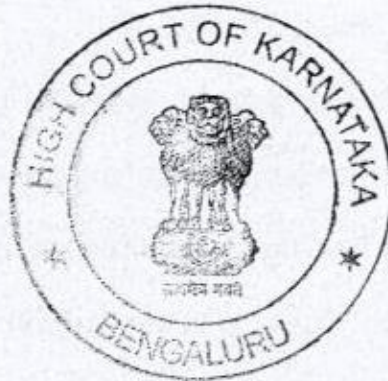
In regard to the said and other prayers, we leave it open for the petitioner to make appropriate representation to the authorities concerned for appropriate consideration.



It would be expected of the authorities to take a final decision in the matter at the earliest, preferably within four weeks of making the representation.

The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-  
CHIEF JUSTICE



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CT:SK

Sd/-  
JUDGE

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*[Signature]*  
Section Officer,  
High Court of Karnataka  
Bangalore - 560 001  
27.9.18

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