IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BANGALORE
DATED THIS THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. J. S. KHEHAR, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. S. BOPANNA

W.P. Nos. 12954-12957/2009 (GM-RES-PIL) c/w W.P. No. 13241/2009 (GM-RES-PIL)

W.P. Nos.12954-12957/09

BETWEEN:

- 1 MAHAVEER RANKA S/O SETH KALURAM RANKA AGED ABOUT 65 YEARS 5TH MAIN, JAYANAGAR BANGALORE 560 011
- 2 SUJAY B S S/O B P SURESH KUMAR AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS R/O # NO. 57/41 SARVARTHA SIDDHI 40TH CROSS, JAYANAGAR BANGALORE 560 082
- 3 V NARAYAN SWAMY S/O VENKATASWAMY AGE ABOUT 60 YEARS N 6TH MAIN, JAYANAGAR BANGALORE – 560 082
- 4 SRI SRIRAMEGOWDA AGE: 62 YEARS S/O LINGE GOWDA

FORMER DEPUTY MAYOR BMP NO. 96, (13) 5TH CROSS AZAD NAGAR, CHAMRAJPET BANGALORE – 560 018

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI V S GUNJAL & SRI VARDHAMAN V GUNJAL, ADVs.)

AND:

- 1 BANGALORE METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD REP. BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR K.H. ROAD, BANGALORE – 560 027
- THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISTION OFFICER (INTERNATIONAL AIR PORT)
 KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS
 DEVELOPMENT BOARD
 KHENY BUILDING, 1ST CROSS
 GANDHI NAGAR, BANGALORE 560 009
- THE TREE OFFICER AND ASSISTANT
 CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SUB DIV.1
 BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE
 RANI CHENNAMMA CIRCLE
 BENGALURU 560 002
- 4 DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
 STATE OF KARNATAKA
 LALBAGH BOTANICAL GARDEN
 BANGALORE 560 027 ...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI BASAVARAJ KAREDDY, PRL.G.A. FOR R1 TO 4 SRI UDAYA HOLLA, Sr. COUNSEL FOR SMT. SUMANA BALIGA M, ADV. FOR R1)

THESE WRIT PETITIONS ARE FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH ANX-A THE NOTIFICATION DATED 28.02.2004 IN SO FAR AS ELEVATED METRO RAILWAY IN

SO FAR AS KR ROAD (NEAR BMC) UPTO VANI VILAS ROAD ALONG VV ROAD UPTO LALBAGH WEST GATE AND FROM WEST GATE ALONG R V ROAD UPTO TO DEAD END OF R V ROAD BY ISSUING A WRIT OF CERTIORARI; ETC.,

W.P. No. 13241/09

BETWEEN:

- 1 ENVIRONMENT SUPPORT GROUP
 (TRUST REGISTERED UNDER
 INDIAN TRUST ACT)
 REP. BY Mr. ARTHUR PEREIRA TRUSTEE
 S/O LATE Mr. THOMAS PEREIRA
 1572, 100 FEET RING ROAD, 36TH CROSS
 BANASHANKARI II STAGE
 BANGALORE 560 070
- 2 Mr. LEO SALDANHA S/O S.J. SALDANHA
 AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
 1, PEARL GARDENS
 VAJARAHALLI, KANAKAPURA ROAD
 BANGALORE 560 062
 (APPEARING IN PERSON)
- 3 HASIRU USIRU
 REP. BY ITS CONVENOR
 Mr. VINAY SREENIVASA
 S/O Mr. K K SREENIVASA GUPTHA
 AGED 28 YEARS
 1572, 100 FEET RING ROAD, 36TH CROSS
 BANASHANKARI II STAGE
 BANGALORE 560 070 ... PETITIONERS

(BY SRI S SIDDAPPA & SRI SUNIL DUTT YADAV, ADVs.

AND:

1 BANGALORE METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.

3RD FLOOR, BMTC COMPLEX, K.H. ROAD, SHANTHINAGAR

BANGALORE - 560 027 REP. BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR

- 2 STATE OF KARNATAKA REP. BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY VIDHANA SOUDHA BANGALORE – 560 001
- 3 BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANACARA PALIKE
 N.R. SQUARE
 BANGALORE 560 002
 REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER
- 4 MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 NIRMAN BHAVAN
 NEW DELHI 110 001
 REP. BY ITS SECRETARY ALSO CHAIRMAN
 OF THE BOARD OF RESPONDENT 1
- 5 DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA LALBAGH, BANGALORE – 560 027 REP. BY ITS DIRECTOR
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR
 HORTICULTURE, LALBAGH
 GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
 BANGALORE 560 027
- 7 TREE OFFICER (BANGALORE SOUTH)
 BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE
 2ND BLOCK, JAYANAGAR
 BANGALORE 560 041
- BANGALOE METROPOLITAN LAND
 TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
 DIRECTORATE OF URBAN
 LAND TRANSPORT
 ROOM NO. 340, VIKAS SOUDHA
 BANGALORE 560 001
 REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER

- 9 DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT MULTISTOREYED BUILDING Dr. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI BANGALORE – 560 001 REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
- 10 COMMISSIONER OF POLICE INFANTRY ROAD BANGALOE – 560 001
- 11 DEPARTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING
 MULTISTORIED BUILDING
 Dr. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI
 BANGALORE 560 001
 REP. BY ITS DIRECTOR
- 12 BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY T CHOWDIAH ROAD BANGALORE – 560 020 REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER
- 13 KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD KHENY BUILDING, 1ST CROSS GANDHINAGAR BANGALORE 560 009 REP. BY ITS SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER
- 14 JOINT DIRECTOR
 PARKS AND GARDENS
 GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
 LALBAGH
 BANGALORE 560 027

... RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI UDAYA HOLLA, Sr. COUNSEL FOR SMT. SUMANA BALIGA M, ADV. FOR R1 SRI BASAVARAJ KAREDDY, PRL.G.A. FOR R2-7 & 11 SRI K N PUTTEGOWDA, ADV. FOR R3 & R7 SRI KRISHNA, ADV. FOR R1 SRI KALYAN BASAVARAJ, A.S.G. FOR R4 SRI B V SHANKARANARAYANA RAO, ADV. FOR R12)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO QUASH THE ORDINANCE 4 OF 2008 (ANNEXED AT ANNEX -F DATED 22.11.2008 AND CONSEQUENTLY ISSUE WRIT OR ORDER TO QUASH THE GOVERNMENT ORDER DATED 25.02.2009 (ANNEXED AT ANNEX-H); ETC.,

THESE PETITIONS COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING THIS DAY, CHIEF JUSTICE MADE THE FOLLOWING:

ORDER

J.S.KHEHAR, C.J. (Oral):

Learned counsel for the petitioners states, that without seeking any further direction on the factual controversy brought out through the instant writ petitions, the petitioners would be satisfied, if a direction is issued to the State Government, as also, the Bangalore Development Authority to ensure, that in future, in case, they desire to change the land use, as has been depicted in the master plan, the competent authority shall follow the procedural mandate depicted in Section 14-A of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961. And likewise, in case of making a town planning scheme, the State Government, as also, the Bangalore Development Authority shall comply with

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the procedure contained in Sections 29, 30, 31, 32 and 34 of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961.

- 2. Mr. Basavaraj Kareddy, learned Pri. Government Advocate, who represented the State and Mr. K. Krishna, learned counsel, who on our asking accepts notice on behalf of the Bangalore Development Authority, agree, that the provisions referred to hereinabove, shall be complied with, without any deviation whatsoever.
- 3. In view of the statement made to us, by the learned counsel representing the State Government and also Bangalore Development Authority, we are of the view, that the instant writ petitions having been rendered infructuous, the same are enable to be disposed of, as infructuous. Needless to mention, that in case of violation of direction issued by this Court, based on the statement made to this Court, the concerned officer/official shall be held responsible, for

his having disobeyed the order passed by this Court, as also, the prescribed mandate of law.

Sd/-Chief Justice

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