

Circular No – 037/2026

Date: 09.06.2026

To
All Members of The Association

**STATUS OF WRIT PETITION FILED BY KEA CHALLENGING THE MINIMUM
WAGE FINAL NOTIFICATION DATED 22.05.2026
BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA**

As informed in our Circular No. 032/2026 dated 02.06.2026, Karnataka Employers' Association and Another has filed Writ Petition No. 16145/2026 (L-MW) before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka challenging the final notification dated 22.05.2026 issued by the Government steeply revising the rates of minimum wages in 81 Scheduled Employments.

The above Writ Petition was listed for hearing on 09.06.2026. Senior Counsel Sri S S Naganand submitted brief arguments on behalf of the Petitioners. The Government was represented by a panel Counsel and the Trade Unions were represented by other Counsels including two Senior Advocates. Four impleading applications filed by various other Trade Unions were allowed and were accordingly listed by us as Respondents 8 to 11 in the Writ Petition. The Court directed all the Respondents to file their objections and also directed the Petitioners to file their rejoinder to the objections if any before the next date of hearing i.e., 03.07.2026. The stay application is pending for consideration at the next date of hearing.

For KARNATAKA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION
Sd/
[B C Prabhakar]
President