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## PIL challenges appointment of MLA as head of SC/ST body

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**Bengaluru:** The Karnataka high court on Tuesday ordered notice to the state government in a public interest litigation (PIL) challenging the appointment of Haveri MLA Nehru Olekar as chairman of the Karnataka State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on November 27, 2020.

A division bench headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka posted the matter to February 16, 2021 for further consideration, while asking the state government to file its objections.

### IN HIGH COURT

KC Rajanna, a social activist from Kolar, filed the petition, claiming the appointment is purely based on political considerations and eligibility mandated under the law was not at all considered, including antecedents of appointee.

The petitioner added that as per documents accessed by him from the Election Commission, there are several criminal cases pending against Olekar and some relate to serious offences.

He contended that the Haveri MLA doesn't possess special knowledge relating to SC/ST matters and no documents have been submitted in this regard to fulfil this legal requirement.

### HC seeks info on old age homes in B'loru Urban

**Bengaluru:** The high court on Tuesday directed the state government to place on record details of the number of old age homes in Bengaluru Urban district.

The state government was also told to indicate as to whether any scheme is prescribed as per the mandate contained under section 19 of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which puts the onus on the state government for institutionalisation of mechanism



to protect life and liberty of senior citizens and stipulate standards.

A division bench headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka gave this direction while hearing a PIL, wherein the petitioners had complained against an old age home, situated on 8th Main Road in Girinagar area of Bengaluru.

Though the petitioners complained about noise pollution, the bench said that the issue needs to be sorted out through discussion and that the court cannot order closure as it may affect the rights of the inmates of the said facility. TNN