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HC issues notice to govt on land reforms ordinance

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday issued notice to the state government on a PIL filed challenging the Karnataka Land Reforms Amendment Ordinance 2020. The high court has also ordered notice to the Advocate General.

The petition is filed by a city-based activist and advocate Geeta Misra. The petition contended that the ordinance was promulgated in a hurry to deprive the small agricultural farmers of their lands under the threat from the land sharks. It may also affect the agricultural producivity in the state. The petitioner said that the state omitted Sections 79A, 79B and 79C of the parent Act giving scope for land mafia in the state by way of sale of agricultural lands.

The petitioner contended that the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961 was enacted in order to protect the interest of the farmers. The Act received the assent of the president, while the Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 2020 was passed by both the Houses during March 2020 and received the assent of the Governor of Karnataka on April 24, 2020. The ordinance is liable to be struck down as being unconstitutional and ultra vires the Constitution of India, the petitioner said.