



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3332]

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 2240/2021

Between:

1.M. MARENNA,, S/O RANGANNA, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,
OCC. FAIR PRICE SHOP DEALER, SHOP NO.11,
PEDDAHOTUR VILLAGE, ALUR MANDAL, KURNOOL
DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH STATE.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI,
GUNTUR DISTRICT.
- 2.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, (CIVIL SUPPLIES), KURNOOL,
KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 3.THE JOINT COLLECTOR, (CIVIL SUPPLIES), KURNOOL,
KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 4.THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, ADONI REVENUE
DIVISION, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 5.THE TAHSILDAR, ALUR MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in
the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court

may be pleased to issue Writ and Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declare the action of the respondents, particularly the 2nd respondent in passing Impugned Order in Appeal Petition No.CS3/225/2020 dated 15.10.2020 upholding the Orders issued by the respondents No.3 and 4 i.e. cancelling and suspending the dealership of the petitioner to the Fair Price Shop No.1325011 of Pedda Horthur Village, Alur Mandal, Kurnool District as illegal, arbitrary, improper, unjust, contrary to provisions under Andhra Pradesh State Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2018 and in violation of principles of natural justice guaranteed under Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India and consequently set-aside impugned Order in Appeal Petition No.CS3/225/2020 dated 15.10.2020, direct the respondents to continue the petitioner as Dealer of Fair Price Shop No.1325011 of Pedda Horthur Village, Alur Mandal, Kurnool District and pass

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the petitioner as Dealer of Fair Price Shop No.1325011 of Pedda Horthur Village, Alur Mandal, Kurnool District by suspending the Order in Appeal Petition No.CS3/225/2020 dated 15.10.2020, which was issued by the 2nd respondent, pending disposal of the writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.HANUMANTHA RAO VELLALACHERVU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR REVENUE

2.GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

Impugning the order in Appeal Petition No.CS3/225/2020 dated 15.10.2020 upholding the orders issued by the 3rd & 4th respondents suspending the dealership of the petitioner to the fair price shop No.1325011 of Pedda Horthur Village, Alur Mandal, Kurnool District, the present writ petition is filed.

2. Heard Smt S.Lakshmi Prameela, learned counsel representing Sri V.Hanumanthu Rao, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Appasani Vineeth, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner while reiterating the contents of the writ affidavit would contend that the 2nd respondent passed the impugned orders in Appeal Petition No.CS3/225/2020 dated 15.10.2020 confirming the orders issued by the 3rd & 4th respondents, in a mechanical way, suspended the authorization of the petitioner without giving reasons in violation of the orders passed by this Court in ***K.Prabhavathi vs. State of A.P.***¹, therefore, the impugned suspension order is liable to be set aside. Accordingly, prayed to allow the writ petition.

4. Sri Appasani Vineeth, learned Assistant Government Pleader, on written instructions dated 23.04.2026, justified the impugned order of suspension contending that as the authorities found variation in between

¹ 2020(6) ALD 209

fortified rice, suspended the authorization of the petitioner, pending final enquiry, after following the procedure contemplated under law. He would further contend that the writ petition being meritless deserves dismissal. Accordingly, prayed to dismiss the writ petition.

5. Perused the material available on record and considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. The petitioner's Fair Price shop dealership authorization was suspended pending enquiry. This Court vide orders dated 03.02.2021, granted interim orders.

7. Clause 8(4)(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2018, mandates that the appointing authority shall dispose the disciplinary case filed against the fair price shop dealers as early as possible, preferably within a period of three (03) months from the date of filing, keeping in view of the convenience of the cardholders and for smooth functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System.

8. It is fairly conceded by the learned Assistant Government Pleader that enquiry had not been completed so far.

9. In view of the above, without going into the merits of the matter, this Court is inclined to dispose of the writ petition by passing the following order:-

“The authorities shall conclude the enquiry at the earliest. Till conclusion of enquiry, the interim orders passed by this Court on 03.02.2021 shall continue.”

10. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is ***disposed of***. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

Date: 24th April, 2026

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