

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

MAIN CASE NO: Writ Petition No.2197 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	Date	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
8)	15.04.2026	<u>MRK,J</u> The instant Writ Petition is instituted on 22.01.2026 questioning the inaction of the official respondents. It is undisputed fact that the matter was adjourned on several occasions i.e., on 28.01.2026, 04.02.2026, 09.02.2026, 16.02.2026, 02.03.2026, 16.03.2026 and 01.04.2026. On all the aforesaid occasions, in view of request made by the learned counsel for the respondents the matter was adjourned for filing counters. Evidently, this Court on 16.03.2026 passed the following order: <i>"No representation for the petitioner.</i> <i>Conversely, learned counsels for the respondents sought further time.</i> <i>Admittedly, on 02.03.2026, this Court passed the following order:</i> <i>"Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology, takes notices and undertakes to file comprehensive counter for</i>	

		<i>Respondents 1, 2 and 4.</i> <i>G.P. for Revenue appearing for respondent No.3.</i> <i>G.P. for Endowments appearing for respondent No.5.</i> <i>Learned counsel Ms.G.N.Umarani, appearing for respondent No.6.</i> <i>Sri Chinthapalli Srinivas, learned counsel intends to file vakalat and counter for respondent No.7.</i> <i>At the request made by learned counsels appearing for the respondents, post after two weeks. All the respondents are hereby directed to file their respective counters addressing the core issues raised by the petitioner with all relevant documents.</i> <i>Registry is directed to print the name of Sri Chinthapalli Srinivas, for R7."</i> <i>In view of the above, this Court is reiterating the above orders and hereby directed the respondents to comply the same. Failing which, the 5th respondent shall be present before this Court on 01.04.2026 at 10.30 a.m.</i> <i>The learned GP for Endowments is</i>	
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		<i>hereby directed to communicate this order to the respondents including the 5th respondent."</i> Thereafter, the matter was adjourned to 01.04.2026. On the said date, the 5th respondent filed counter-affidavit and matter was posted to today i.e., 15.04.2026. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned Standing Counsel for 7th respondent, Sri Chintapalli Srinivas, is not present. On his behalf, Ms. K. Saritha, learned counsel, is present and she seeks three weeks' time for filing counter on behalf of the 7th respondent. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the 7th respondent temple falls under Section 6(c) of the Endowments Act (A.P. Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions & Endowments Act, 1987 – Act 30 of 1987) and registered under Section 43 of Act, 30 of 1987 and is being under the administrative control of the Endowments Department. A plain reading of order, dated 16.03.2026 makes it clear that this Court by reiterating its earlier orders had specifically directed all the respondents to file their	
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		respective counters addressing the core issues raised by the petitioner, along with all relevant documents. However, despite the grant of sufficient opportunities, for the reasons best known to it, the 7th respondent Temple has failed to file its counter, reflecting the state of affairs. Notably, the 5th respondent, Commissioner of Endowments Department filed counter on 31.03.2026, whereas, 7th respondent temple has not filed any counter till date. Accordingly, the matter stand posted to 23.04.2026 for filing counters by all the official respondents. In particular, if the respondent Nos.2, 3, 5 and 7 fail to file their respective counters by the next date of hearing, the concerned officials shall appear before this Court on 23.04.2026 at 10.30 A.M. <u>MRK,J</u> ARB	
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