

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

WEDNESDAY ,THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI**

WRIT PETITION NO: 2119 OF 2026



Between:

S. Nagappa, S/o. Hanumanthappa, Aged about 71 years, Occ:
F.P.Shop Dealer of Shop.No.1260016, R/o. Sankaragallu Village,
Gudibanda Mandal, Sri Sathya Sai District Erstwhile Anantapur District -
515271.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by the Principal Secretary, Civil Supplies Department, Secretariat Buildings, at Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District - 522237.
2. The District Collector, Sri Satya Sai District., at Puttaparthi, Erstwhile Anantapur District - 515134.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Madakasira Division, Madakasira, Sri Satya Sai District Erstwhile Anantapur District - 515301.
4. The Tahsildar, Gudibanda Mandal, Sri Sathya Sai District Erstwhile Anantapur District - 515271.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd and 4th respondents in not allotting the Essential commodities to the F.P Shop No.1260016 held by the petitioner at Sankaragallu Village, Gunbanda Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District Erstwhile Anantapur District without there being any reason, without issuing any notice to the petitioner though the petitioner authorization is valid and subsisting is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and also violative of A.P. Public Distribution System (Control) Order 2008 and principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to continue the petitioner to hold F.P. Shop (No.1260016) Dealership of Sankaragallu Village, Gunbanda Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District Erstwhile Anantapur District.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed 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 F.P. Shop Dealer and to supply essential commodities to the petitioner's fair price Shop No.1260016 held by the petitioner at Sankaragallu Village, Gunbanda Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District Erstwhile Anantapur District, Pending disposal of WP 2119 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri P NARAHARI BABU Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER

While disposing of the writ petition vide W.P.No.16953 of 2024 filed by the petitioner, a coordinate bench of this Court directed respondent authorities to forthwith supply the essential commodities to the petitioner and allow the petitioner to continue as a Fair Price shop dealer for which he had license.

Complaining non-compliance of the said orders, the present writ petition came to be filed.

On 10.02.2026, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies placed on record the written instructions of the Tahsildar, Gudibanda Mandal, dated 23.01.2026. According to the said instructions, the petitioner himself is distributing the essential commodities to the card holder in the premises of the petitioner, however in the presence of the village servant.

Whereas the learned counsel for the petitioner denied the contents of the written instructions submitting that the village servant has been supplying essential commodities in a temple but not in the premises of the petitioner. Thereupon, the learned Assistant Government Pleader sought time to get clear instructions.

Today the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies submitted that as per the latest instructions submitted by the authorities dated 17.02.2026 the Village Revenue Assistant supplied essential commodities to the cardholders in Public Chavidi for the month of February, 2026, but not by the petitioner as stated in the written instructions dated 23.01.2026.

This Court is unable to comprehend as to how the authorities can furnish instructions/information with such divergent and contrast facts.

In view of the above sorry state of affairs, this Court directs of the Principal Secretary, Civil Supplies, to enquire into the matter and take steps against the officers responsible for sending such contradictory written instructions and file report intimating this Court about the action taken against the concerned.

Post on 05.03.2026, for filing report.

SD/- SK MOHD RAFI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, The Civil Supplies Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, at Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District - 522237.[By Special Messenger] (along with copy of material)
2. One CC to SRI. P NARAHARI BABU Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
4. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

RC,J

DATED:18/02/2026

POST ON 05.03.2026, FOR FILING REPORT.

ORDER

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DIRECTION

