

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No. W.P(PIL). No.22 of 2024

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	31.01.2024	Smt S. Pranathi, learned counsel for the petitioner, appears. Notice waived by the learned Government Pleader for Medical, Health and Family Welfare for respondent Nos.1 to 6. Notice waived by the learned Government Pleader for Tribal Welfare for respondent No.7. The present petition has been filed purportedly in public interest with a view to highlight lack of medical facilities to people living in the tribal areas of Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and West Godavari Districts. Photographs have been annexed, which would show that family members were bringing the pregnant women in 'makeshift dollies' over difficult areas for the purposes of providing the requisite medical facility. It is stated that even for small health problems, the inhabitants living in these areas have to travel long distances through difficult terrains. It is stated that while the areas currently inhabited by the tribals are not fully	

		connected by an efficient road way system, yet, the State is under an obligation to provide the requisite medical facilities considering the fact that people sometimes, have, lost their lives on account of the distance between the nearest medical centers and the villages in which the tribals are living. Affidavit be filed by the learned Government Pleader for Medical, Health and Family Welfare in three (3) weeks. The affidavit should give the details regarding the medical facilities which are currently available to the tribal people's inhabiting areas in the aforementioned three districts and steps that the Government proposes to take to ensure that better medical facilities are made available to these people at the earliest. We are also aware of the fact that lack of medical facilities may, in all circumstances, be attributed to the lack of road connectivity in these tribal areas by the Government. However, we are made to understand that there is a scheme by the name 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' (PMGSY), which envisages providing last mile connectivity in the villages. We would also like to understand as to how the scheme in regard to these tribal areas has been implemented in the past and whether steps can	
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		be taken to give a new and special focus on these areas under the said scheme for providing road connectivity to the tribals living in these areas. For this purpose, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, represented by its Principal Secretary, A. P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati is incorporated as party respondent and shall figure as respondent No.8. Sri Vadlamudi Kiran Kumar, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, waives service for respondent No.8. List on 21.02.2024. DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ R.RAGHUNANDAN RAO, J AMD	
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