



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

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THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 2670/2026

Between:

1. GURRAM SIDDHAIAH, S/O NARASIAH, AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY PRINCIPLE SECRETARY, (FINANCE DEPARTMENT) A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P -522238.

2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY, (WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT), A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P -522238.

3. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TELUGU GANGA PROJECT, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P - 524132.

4. THE SPECIAL COLLECTOR, (LA) TELUGU GANGA PROJECT, SPSRNELLORE, A.P-524001.

5. THE SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR LA, TELUGU GANGA PROJECT, RAPUR, SPSR NELLORE - 524408.

...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 a writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondent authorities to consider the representation made by the petitioners Dt.24.12.2025 for

conduct a Re-Survey and get Fresh Requisition from the Irrigation Authorities and fix the market value as per present market value of the petitioners lands and pay compensation along with interest, as per section 80 of Right to Fair Compensation, Transparency in Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013, and violative of G.O.Ms.No.243 of 2010 Dt.27.03.2010 and also violative of the G.O.Ms.571 of 2012 Dt.14.09.2012 as illegal, arbitrary and violative of article 14, 21 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and Consequently direct the respondents to pass the Award for payment of compensation to the petitioners lands 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 respondent authorities to consider the representation made by the petitioners Dt.24.12.2025 for conduct a Re-Survey and get Fresh Requisition from the Irrigation Authorities and fix the market value as per present market value of the petitioners lands and pay compensation along with interest, pending disposal of the writ petition pending disposal of the above writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. VALLEPU JAGADEESH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR LAND ACQUISITION
2. GP FOR IRRI AND CAD
3. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following order:

The present Writ Petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondent authorities to consider the representation of the petitioners dated 24.12.2025 for conducting a re-survey, getting a fresh requisition from the irrigation authorities fixing market value of the petitioners' lands situated at Chintapalem Village, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District in accordance with the present market value and paying compensation along with interest under Section 80 of Land Acquisition Act as well as in terms of G.O.Ms.No.243 of 2010 dated 27.03.2010 and G.O.Ms.No.571 of 2012 dated 14.09.2012.

2. Heard Sri Valleu Jagadeesh, learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Land Acquisition Department.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in elaboration to what has been stated in the affidavit, contended that though the petitioners have been cultivating and possessing the subject lands for several years, the respondents acquired and excavated the lands for construction of Somasila-Swarnamukhi Link canal from Km.39.00 to Km.100.425 for improvement of 7MI tanks under the Telugu Ganga Project without paying proper compensation. He further submitted that the authorities themselves, through surveys and enquiries, confirmed the possession of the petitioners and their eligibility for compensation, yet failed to include their lands in the Award passed by the Land Acquisition Officer for payment of compensation under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation, Transparency in Land

Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. He further contended that though a representation was made on 24.12.2015 in that regard, the authorities did not consider the same, the said action of the respondents is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 21 and 300-A of the Constitution and contrary to the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. Hence, prayed to pass appropriate orders protecting the interest of the petitioners.

4. On the other hand, learned Assistant Government Pleader placed on record the latest written instructions of the Special Deputy Collector (L.A), Telugu Ganga Project, Rapur at Nellore *vide* Ref.No.E/15/2026, dated 21.04.2026 and submitted that the Executive Engineer, SSLC & SB Division No.3, Kothur, Nellore has sent a requisition *vide* Lr.No.EE/SSLC/SB Div No.3/KTR/LA/Vol.300 M dated 18.04.2026 for acquisition of Ac.19.20 cents in Survey No.99 in Chintalapalem village of Yerpedu Mandal for improvement of 7MI Tanks under the Somasila Swanamukhi Link Canal in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 30 of 2013 as amended by the Act 22/2018 (A.P) & G.O.Ms.No.562 dated 13.11.2018. He further submitted that necessary action would be initiated for payment of compensation to the land losers including the writ petitioners by initiating the land acquisition process and four months' time is required to complete the

entire process in accordance with law. Hence, 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. It is not in dispute that the respondents have now initiated steps for acquisition of the subject lands including the petitioner's land by issuing requisition for acquisition of Ac.19.20 cents in Survey No.99 of Chintalapalem Village, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District, under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, as amended by Act 22 of 2018 (A.P.), and G.O.Ms.No.562 dated 13.11.2018.

7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and taking the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties into consideration, since the respondent authorities have expressed their intention to pay compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, is inclined to dispose of the Writ Petition with the following order:

The respondent authorities concerned are directed to complete the land acquisition proceedings in respect of the petitioners' subject lands, determine the compensation payable to them in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Fair

Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, and pass appropriate award/orders, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four (04) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, interlocutory applications pending, if any in the Writ Petition, shall also stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

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