

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

MAIN CASE No: W.P. No.2669 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

<u>SL. NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	<u>OFFICE NOTE</u>
04.	09.02.2026	<u>SRK, J</u> Heard Sri O.Manohar Reddy, learned senior counsel appearing for learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents. Case of the petitioner is that, in the month of March, 2025, the petitioner reconditioned a batch of 12,500 LPG cylinders belonging to respondents Nos. 7 and 8 strictly in accordance with the prescribed technical standards and internal quality control protocols. In pursuance thereof, the petitioner duly offered the said batch for mandatory BIS pre-dispatch lot inspection by submitting a lot inspection request dated 25.03.2025, and the inspection was scheduled for 31.03.2025 as per the established regulatory procedure. The cylinders were kept at the petitioner's premises for inspection, testing, and verification by the BIS authorities. While so, the Central Bureau of Investigation, Anti-Corruption	

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		Branch, Visakhapatnam, registered a case in RC No.03(A)/2025, dated 30.03.2025, for the offences punishable under Sections 7 and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and Section 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, against the BIS Official and the employees of the petitioner company. The allegation is that, without any inspection of the cylinders to ascertain whether they were in conformity with the prescribed standards, a certificate was issued on 31.03.2025 stating that the cylinders conformed to the prescribed standards. Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that, despite multiple representations made to the respondents herein requesting them to conduct lot inspection of the cylinders for individual usage, the respondents have failed to do so. It is further contended that, although a case has been registered against an official of the BIS with regard to the issuance of the certificate, it is pertinent to mention that no such inspection is	

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		stated to have taken place. The truth or otherwise of the said allegation would be revealed only when an inspection is conducted in respect of the reconditioned batch of 12,500 LPG cylinders. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that in order to ascertain the truth an inspection is to be conducted by the respondents herein, to know whether the cylinders were in conformity with prescribed standards or not. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to conduct an inspection of the reconditioned lot of 12,500 cylinders belonging to respondents 7 and 8 within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and to submit a report to that effect. List the matter after four (4) weeks. <u>SRK, J</u> <i>Asr</i>	