

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

**MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

: PRESENT:

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

WRIT PETITION NO: 2669 OF 2026



Between:

M/s. KRONAX ENGINEERING AND PRESSURE VESSELS LLP, A Limited Liability Partnership registered under the LLP Act, 2008, Represented by its Partner, Mr. V. Shivashankar Reddy, Having its Registered Office at No. 823/1A AND IB, Near Kodikonda Checkpost, Koduru Village, Chillamathur Mandal, Ananthapur District - 515341.

...Petitioner

AND

1. Union of India, Rep. by Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food AND Public Distribution, Government of India, New Delhi.110001
2. The Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Manak Bhavan, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
3. The Deputy Director General (South), Bureau of Indian Standards, Southern Regional Office, Chennai. 600113
4. The Head, Vijayawada Branch Office, Bureau of Indian Standards Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. 522001
5. The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), Rep. by the Chief Controller of Explosives, Government of India, Nagpur, Maharashtra State.
6. The Deputy Chief Controller of Explosives, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 522241
7. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, (HPCL), Rep. by its Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Having Registered Office at 9th

Floor, Marathon Futurex Building, A-Wing, Mafatlal Mills Compound, Lower Parel, N.M Joshi Marg, Mumbai, Maharashtra State.

8. India Oil Corporation Limited, (IOCL) Rep. by its Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Regional Contract Cell Southern Region Office, Chennai, Tamil Nadu State.

...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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, calling for the records of the appellate order dated 01/12/2025 passed by the 2nd respondent, which confirmed the cancellation of license of the petitioner issued vide BIS Certification Marks License No. CM/L-6300062394 through proceedings issued by the 3rd respondent vide Ref No. VJBO/L-6300062394 dated 11/09/2025 and also in proposing to destroy, scrap, reject or render unusable of the 12,500 gas cylinders and quash the same, as the same is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, contrary to the provisions of the Explosives Act, 1884, the Gas Cylinder Rules and the guidelines issued by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently revoke the cancellation of petitioner's license vide BIS Certification Marks License No. CM/L-6300062394 and permit the petitioners herein to dispatch the 12500 cylinders to the 7th and 8th respondent after conducting statutory inspection, testing and certification by the competent technical authority in accordance with the provisions of act;

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 3rd to 6th respondents herein not to take

any coercive steps such the scraping/destroying 12500 gas cylinders and pass, Pending disposal of WP 2669 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 and 7th and 8th respondents not to take any coercive steps, including invocation or encashment of the Bank Guarantees vide B.G. Nos. 13752IGL0001923, 13752IGL0002023, 13752IGL0002123, 13752GI3D2405462, 13752IGL0002223, 13752IGL0001224, 13752GI3D0915225, 13752IGL0001124, 13752GI3D0926325, 13752IGL0002323 and 13752IGL0002423, Pending disposal of WP 2669 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 3 OF 2026

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 put the cancellation of the petitioner's license vide BIS Certification Marks License No.CM/L-6300062394 under abeyance, Pending disposal of WP 2669 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the memorandum of grounds filed in support thereof and the earlier orders of the High Court dated.09.02.2026 & 30.03.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. Kilaru Nithin Krishna, Advocate for the Petitioner, and of Sri Bachina Hanumantha Rao, Central Government Counsel for Respondent No.1, and of Sri Muppiri Saran, Advocate for Respondent Nos.2 to 4, and of Sri.S.V.S.S.Siva Ram, Standing counsel for Respondent Nos.7 & 8 and the Court made the following

ORDER:

This Court directed to execute the order, dated 09.02.2026 and to submit a report by today, by order dated 30.03.2026.

No report is placed before this Court. In our prima facie view, this amounts to willful disobedience of the order.

Accordingly, the Registry is directed to initiate suo-moto proceedings against the respondent Nos.2, 3 and 4 and issue notice to them.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Andhra Pradesh
2. The Section Officer, New-Filing Section, High Court of AP
3. The Section Officer, OS Section, High Court of AP
4. The Section Officer, Writ Non-Service Section, High Court of AP
5. The Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Manak Bhavan, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
6. The Deputy Director General (South), Bureau of Indian Standards, Southern Regional Office, Chennai. 600113
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8. One CC to Sri Kilaru Nithin Krishna, Advocate [OPUC]

9. One CC to Additional Solicitor General of India, [OPUC]
10. One CC to Sri Bachina Hanumantha Rao, Central Government Counsel [OPUC]
11. One CC to Sri S.V.S.S. Siva Ram, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT

DEV, J

DATED: 20.04.2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

