

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

FRIDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA
WRIT PETITION NO: 2769 OF 2026



Between:

1. M/s AZ Mining and Trading Enterprises, Rep. by its authorized signatory, G.Chinna Alluraiah, S/o. Venkateswarlu, aged.28, Having regd. office at Plot no.9, Near Trimurthi Nagar, Dronacharya Nagar, Nagpur.
2. G.Chinna Alluraiah, S/o. Venkateswarlu, aged. 28, Having regd. office at Plot no.9, Near Trimurthi Nagar, Dronacharya Nagar, Nagpur.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Dept. of Mines and Geology, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522238
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522238
3. The Director of Mines and Minerals, Govt. of A.P. Sri Anjaneya Towers, D.No. 7-104, B-Block, 5th and 6th Floors, Vijayawada, Ibrahimpatnam-521456
4. The District Collector, Collectorate, Parvatipuram, Parvathipuram Manyam District-535501
5. The Deputy Director of Mines, Govt. of A. P, Vijayawada, NTR District-520008
6. The Revisional Authority, Union of India, Rep. by its Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Sastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

...Respondents

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 one in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents 1 and 3 in issuing Notification No. 27961691P-T712025 dated 10-12-2025 and proposing to conduct re-auction for grant of mining composite license in respect of Mulagapadu Manganese Block, Vizianagaram District at serial no.5, during the pendency of Revision Application No. RA-02/(03)/2025/RC-II of 2025 before the 6th respondent, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to keep the impugned notification dated 10-12-2025 in abeyance insofar as Mulagapadu Manganese Block is concerned at serial no.5, pending disposal of the said Revision Application.

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Petition under Section 151 of 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 stay all further proceedings including finalization of auction or creation of any third-party rights pursuant to Notification No. 2796169/P-T7/2025 dated 10-12-2025, insofar as Mulagapadu Manganese Block at serial no.5 is concerned, Pending disposal of WP 2769 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 POSANI AKASH Advocate for the Petitioners, and of GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY, for the Respondent Nos.1, 3 to 5, and of GP FOR INDUSTRIES

& COMMERCE, for the Respondent No.2, and of ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, for the Respondent No.6, the Court made the following

ORDER:

Heard learned senior counsel for the petitioners and learned Assistant Government Pleader for respondents.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were granted Letter of Intent (LOI) in respect of the notified land as per terms of tender notice which was issued on 10.12.2025. For the reasons best known to the respondents, the tendering authority not concluded the tender and not entered any agreement even after many representations, but later the respondents rejected LOI without observing principles of natural justice and terms of tender. The rejection of the LOI is under challenge by way of a Revision application as provided before the Revisional authority. Despite the petitioners' requests for early disposal of the Revision application, respondent Nos. 1 to 4 herein sought time again to file their counter. While so, contrary to the requests made before the Revisional authority, respondent Nos. 1 to 4 are now proceeding with fresh tenders, pending petitioners' Revision application, which is contrary to the settled principles of law. He further submits that till finalization of the petitioner's rights by Revisional authority, the respondents cannot proceed further in respect of the same matter.

Learned Government Pleader submits that since the last date for submission of bids were completed on 27.01.2026, the further proceedings are to be carried out by the tendering authority as per the terms and it will take some time and requested time for getting instructions.

In view of the issuance of the fresh tender notice dated 10.12.2025 for very same rights, pending adjudication before the Revisional authority, any proceedings if issued contrary to the terms of the tender

is nothing but circumventing the statutory Revision proceedings and rights of the petitioners which is contrary to the settled principles of law. Therefore, the respondents are directed not to proceed further and finalize the tender pursuant to the tender notice dated 10.12.2025 for a period of three weeks.

List next week.

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SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Mines and Geology, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522238
2. The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522238 (**Addressees 1 & 2 by Special Messenger**)
3. The Director of Mines and Minerals, Govt. of A.P. Sri Anjaneya Towers, D.No. 7-104, B-Block, 5th and 6th Floors, Vijayawada, Ibrahimpatnam-521456
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6. The Secretary, Revisional Authority, Union of India, Ministry of Mines, Sastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 (**Addressees 3 to 6 by RPAD**)
7. One CC to SRI POSANI AKASH Advocate [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY , High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. Two CCs to GP FOR INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]

10. One CC to ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, High Court
of Andhra Pradesh [OPUC]

11. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

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DATED:30/01/2026

NOTE: LIST NEXT WEEK.

ORDER

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