

APHC010060102026



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

[3332]

MONDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 3489/2026

Between:

1.B. VARALAKSHMI, W/O B.LAKSHMANNA, AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
R/O 2 - 23/A, BC COLONY, THIMMAMDODDI, C BELAGAI,
PALUKUDODDI, KURNOOL DISTRICT, PIN CODE . 518462.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS,
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522503.
- 2.THE COLLECTOR CIVIL SUPPLIES, KURNOOL. PIN CODE . 518002.
- 3.THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, KURNOOL. PIN CODE .
518002.
- 4.THE TAHSILDAR, C.BELAGAI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT. PIN
CODE . 518462.
- 5.VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, THIMMAMDODDI VILLAGE,
C.BELEGAL MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT. 518462

...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 more particularly one in the nature of Writ of

Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents herein, more particularly the action of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool / Respondent No.3 herein in passing orders vide Rc.DT (LR) 28/26 dated 27.01.2026, by virtue of which the Fair Price Shop that was being run from the Petitioner was suspended, as being illegal, arbitrary, unjust, violative of Andhra Pradesh State Targeted Public Distribution System (Control), Order, 2018, violative of Principles of Natural Justice and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India, consequently set aside Rc.DT (LR) 28/26 dated 27.01.2026, that is passed by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool / Respondent No.3 herein, direct the Respondents to permit the Petitioner to run the fair price shop in Thimmamdoddi Village, C.Belegal Mandal, Kurnool District and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 suspend Rc.DT (LR) 28/26 dated 27.01.2026, that is passed by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool / Respondent No.3 herein and pass

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 Respondents to permit the Petitioner to run the fair price shop in Thimmamdoddi Village, C.Belegal Mandal, Kurnool District and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.VIVEKANANDA VIRUPAKSHA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Court made the following:

ORDER

This writ petition is filed questioning the orders dated 27.01.2026 passed by respondent no.3 vide Rc.DT (LR) 28/26 suspending the petitioner's authorization in respect of FP Shop No.1305052, Thimmamdoddi Village, C.Belagal Mandal.

2. Heard Sri *Vivekananda Virupaksha*, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri *Appasani Vineeth*, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

3. Sri *Vivekananda Virupaksha*, learned counsel, while reiterating the contents of the writ affidavit would contend that the authorities, alleging variations in the ground stock found during inspection of the FP, issued show cause notice calling for explanation, for which the petitioner submitted a detailed explanation, however, the authorities, without considering the explanation, in a mechanical way, suspended the authorization of the petitioner without giving reasons, therefore, the impugned suspension order is liable to be set aside. Accordingly, prayed to allow the writ petition.

4. Sri *Appasani Vineeth*, learned Assistant Government Pleader, justified the impugned order of suspension contending that as the authorities found variation in between ground stocks and book balance, suspended the F.P.shop authorization of the petitioner, pending final enquiry, after following the procedure contemplated under law. He would further contend

that the writ petition being meritless deserves dismissal. Accordingly, 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. The petitioner's FP shop dealership authorization was suspended pending enquiry.

7. Clause 8(4)(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2018 mandates that the appointing authority shall dispose the disciplinary case filed against the fair price shop dealers as early as possible, preferably within a period of three (3) months from the date of filing, keeping in view of the convenience of the cardholders and for smooth functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System.

8. It is fairly conceded by the learned Assistant Government Pleader that enquiry had not been completed so far.

9. In view of the above, without going into the merits of the matter, the writ petition can be disposed of with the following direction:

"The authorities shall conclude the enquiry within a period of three (03) months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Else, the impugned suspension orders dated 27.01.2026 passed by respondent no.3 vide Rc.DT (LR) 28/26 shall stand revoked."

10. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

9th day of February, 2026.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI
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