

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

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

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

WRIT PETITION NO: 3755 OF 2026



Between:

✓/Nellimarla Jute Mills Company Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1913 and having its factory at Post Office-Nellimarla, District Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, Pin-535217 being represented by its authorized signatory, Maddula Venkateswara Rao, son of Late Ramayya Maddula, Aged about 72 years, Residing at 17-1-6/2 Ward No. 20, Grandhi Tirupathi Rao House, Near Maruthi Talkies, Bus Stand Road, Bhimavaram, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-534201.

...Petitioner

AND

1. Union of India, service through the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001.
2. Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I, having office at Marripelam, NAD Post, Visakhapatnam-530009.

...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 a writ or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS

a) direct the Respondent No.2 to grant 72 equal monthly instalments to pay the amount of arrear provident fund contribution of Rs.3,02,80,753/-

(Rupees Three Crore Two Lakh Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three) only as determined by the respondent No. 2 vide his order dated October 29, 2025 under Section 7A of the said Act of 1952 in terms of the Circular dated February 11, 2014 issued by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation

b) direct the Respondent No.1 to pay the approved enhanced rate of B. Twill Jute Bags supplied by the petitioner company to the Government agencies with retrospective effect forthwith

c) A writ of or in the nature of Prohibition do issue forbearing the Respondents and/or its men, agents and employees from giving any effect and/or further effect to any recovery proceedings against the petitioner company that may be initiated under the provisions of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 in terms of the said order dated October 29, 2025 passed by the Respondent No.2 under Section 7A thereof in any manner whatsoever till the disposal of the instant application

d) Direct the Respondents to certify and transmit to this Honble Court the records of the impugned proceedings particularly those relating to the said order dated, October 29, 2025 passed by the Respondent No.2 under Section 7A of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 so that the same may be quashed and/or conscionable justice may be done to them;

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 writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents and/or their men, agents and employees to restrain them from giving any effect and/or further effect to any recovery proceedings against the petitioner company that may be initiated under the provisions of the Employees' Provident

Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 in any manner whatsoever till the disposal of the any application, pending disposal of WP.No.3755 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 writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents or their men, agents and employees not to take any coercive measures against the petitioner company in pursuance to and in terms of the said order, dated October 29, 2025 or any orders that may be passed under Sections 7Q and 14B of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, pending disposal of WP.No.3755 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 the order of the High Court order dated 10.02.2026 & 03.03.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Venkata Durga Rao Anantha, Advocate for the Petitioner and Additional Solicitor General for Respondent No.1 and Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate for Respondent No.2, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

At request of the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents to file counter affidavit, post on 15.06.2026 in Daily List-II.

Interim order granted earlier shall stand extended for a further period of four (04) weeks

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SD/-A.VIJAYA BABU
DEPUTY REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. One CC to Sri Venkata Durga Rao Anantha, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to Additional Solicitor General, High Court of AP [OPUC]
3. One CC to Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate [OPUC]
4. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

DEV, J

DATED:20.04.2026.

post on 15.06.2026 in Daily List-II.

ORDER

WP.No.3755 of 2026

INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED

