

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

**THURSDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 3875 OF 2026



Between:

R.K. Electric Automation Limited, Rep by its General Manager, N. Dileep Kumar S/o Rama Rao, Aged about 38 years, R/o. flat no. 505, Srivardhini Residency, Sri Ramnagar Kanuru, Krishna District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.-522137.
2. The Commissioner and Director, Mines & Geology Department, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District, A.P.-521456.
3. The District Mines and Geology Officer, O/o Director Mines and Geology, Vizianagaram, Vizianagaram District.535001.
4. The Nodal Officer for the auction process, DD (Mines), Directorate of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P-521456.
5. The Government of India, Rep. by its Secretary, Ministry of Mines Department, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. Mahalakshmi Minerals, Rep. by its proprietor, Mr. Gudur Sasidhar Reddy, R/o 10/178, Garbham village, Merakamudidam mandal, Vizianagaram District.
7. VNR Minerals LLP, Rep. by its partners Ms. Ritisha Gudur and Mr. Eswaravaka Venkata Krishna, having its registered office at 24/1/1164/14, flat.No. 403, Brahmanandam, Ramalingapuram, Nellore.

8. .Paidala Tirupati Reddy & bros, Rep. by its partners sri Paidala Tirupathi Reddy, paidala Balarami Reddy R/o 1/1266, Bunglow Thota, Nawab Peta, Nellore, Nellore District.
9. PTR Brothers projects, rep. by its partners Ms.Paidala Keerthi Reddy, Mrs. Arunamma Narra R/o 1/1266/A, Bunglow Thota, Nawab Peta, Nellore

...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 any writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a writ of Mandamus, to declare the action of the respondents in cancelling the tender notification no. 2796169/P-T4-Garividi/2025 dated 20.08.2025, with regard to the Garividi, Manganese Block and in contravention of the provisions of MMDR Act 1957 and Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, as illegal and arbitrary, ii) To declare the action of the respondents in calling for tenders vide Notification No. 279616/P-T8-Garividi/2025, dt. 08-01-2026 is illegal and consequently set aside the proceedings, annulling the notification no. 2796169/P-T4-Garividi/2025 dated 20.08.2025 by its proceedings dt. 02-01-2026 and also to set aside the notification No. 279616/P-T8-Garividi/2025, dt. 08-1-2026 by directing the respondents to commence the tender process in tender notification No. 2796169/P-T4-Garividi/2025 dated 20.08.2025 from the stage it was stopped and complete the bid process as per the provisions of MMDR Act 1957 and Mineral Auction rules 2015 amended from time to time;

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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 grant a Stay of all further proceedings of technical bids in respect of tender Notification No. 279616/P-T8-Garividi/2025, dt. 08-1-2026 related to Garividi Manganese Block, Vizianagaram District, Pending disposal of WP 3875 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.DEVI PRASAD MANGALAPURI Advocate for the Petitioner, Additional Solicitor General of India for R5, GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY for Respondent Nos.1 to 4 and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

On 10.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:

“For getting instructions, list the matter on 12.02.2026.”

- 2. Sri Devi Prasad Mangalapuri, learned counsel for the petitioner, citing urgency that today, i.e. 12.02.2026 is the last date for submission of tenders, seeks permission to move lunch motion.**
- 3. Thus, permission to move Lunch Motion is accorded.**
- 4. When the matter is called in the afternoon session, Sri Ramakrishna Pathivada, learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology submits that till now, he has not received any instructions and requests time upto 4.00 p.m.**
- 5. Call the matter at 4.00 p.m.**

At 4.35 p.m.:

- 6. In view of the request made by learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology, the matter was called at 4.35 p.m. At that juncture, learned Government Pleader fairly submits that he has not received comprehensive written instructions from the concerned in the list.**
- 7. On the other hand, Sri M.Devi Prasad, learned counsel for the petitioner again submits that 12.02.2026 is the last date for submitting the applications of tender notification dated 08.01.2026 which was challenged in the instant writ petition.**
- 8. In view of paucity of time, learned counsel for the petitioner requested to permit the petitioner company to participate in the tender process without prejudice to the rights stated in the writ petition.**
- 9. The learned Government Pleader has not disputed about the last date of submission of tenders on 12.02.2026.**

10. Accordingly, taking into consideration the fact that today, i.e., 12.02.2026 is the last date for submission of application, the respondents are directed to allow the petitioner company to participate in the tender process without prejudice to the rights raised in the writ petition only.

11. Without expressing any opinion on merits, this Court leaves it open to both parties to raise all their contentions in the writ petition.

12. It is needless to mention that if there is any technical difficulty or hindrance in submitting the application, the respondents are hereby directed to receive the application submitted by the petitioner company till 7.00 p.m. on 12.02.2026.

13. The learned Government Pleader is also directed to inform about the orders of this Court to the respondents for taking necessary steps.

Post the writ petition after four weeks, for filing counter, if any.

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SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Mines and Geology Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.-522137.
(by **Special Messenger**)
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10. One CC to SRI. DEVI PRASAD MANGALAPURI Advocate [OPUC]
11. Two CCs to GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
12. One CC to Additional Solicitor General of India, [OPUC]
13. One spare copy

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MRK,J

DATED:12/02/2026

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DIRECTION

