



**WP(PIL) NO: 35 of 2025 along with
WP.No.4262 of 2025**

Korukonda Koteswarrao and Others ...Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and Others ...Respondent(s)

Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. Bokka Satyanarayana Kamla
Mr. N Nagaraja Kapoor

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s) : GP for Labour, Mr. Balaji Medamalli,
Mr. G. Sai Narayana Rao, GP for
Home, GP for Revenue,
Mr. Yarraguntla Koteswara Rao, GP
for Medical, Health & FW, Mr. Yelisetti
Somaraju, GP for Industries &
Commerce, GP for Mines and Geology

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI**

DATE : 23rd July, 2025

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The issue is with regard to pollution caused by the private respondent No.16 in the PIL, who is running a stone crusher.

It appears that a general order was issued, dated 25.06.2025, to certain stone crushers who are operating in the Anakapalli District by virtue of which certain deficiencies were sought to be rectified.

A similar notice came to be issued to respondent No.16 containing the said date i.e., 25.06.2025.

As to what remedial measures were taken by respondent No.16 pursuant to the issuance of the notice, dated 25.06.2025 and whether the deficiencies were rectified or not have not been brought to our notice.

A statement was made by Mr. Y. Somaraju, learned Standing Counsel for Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board [A.P.P.C.B] who stated that according to his instructions, respondent No.16 had since stalled and ceased the operations altogether.

However, both the counsel for respondent No.16 and the petitioners state that the operations of the stone crusher have not been stalled or ceased and that the statement made by learned counsel for the Pollution Control Board is not correct.

We do not understand as to on what basis the officers of the Pollution Control Department are passing on instructions which have no factual basis at all and the instructions are being given off the cuff only with a view to escape their responsibility to ensure compliance with the statutory provisions which envisage and enjoin the said authorities to prevent any pollution being caused by such polluting units.

We direct the Member Secretary, A.P.P.C.B, to file an affidavit as to what further action was taken by the authorities pursuant to the issuance of the notice, dated 25.06.2025.

Another issue that was highlighted during the course of arguments was that although a general direction was issued by the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer addressed to all the stone crushers operating in the vicinity and to be precise as many as 28 other units, whether or not the said units to whom general directions were issued have been complied with or not also needs to be verified.

It was also suggested that an independent team of experts be constituted who will submit an inspection report with regard to the deficiencies

and the extent of pollution, if any, which is caused by the said units in Anakapalli District.

We would first require a report from the Member Secretary of A.P.P.C.B based upon inspection reports conducted with regard to each of the 29 units functioning in Anakapalli District, details whereof were given in the general directions, dated 25.06.2025, to see as to whether the said units complied with the pollution control norms or not and whether any consequential action is taken or is envisaged to be taken.

Merely by issuing general directions, the matter may not be solved and a consequential supervision is warranted.

Based upon the reports which would be placed before us on or before the next date of hearing in regard to all the 29 units, we shall consider constituting a team of experts who will also visit all the 29 units to see as to whether the reports which are submitted by the Pollution Control Board are correct in every respect and to ascertain the actual position on spot with reference to the statutory guidelines which such units are supposed to follow.

For that we may have to incorporate all the 28 other units functioning in Anakapalli District. However, we shall consider this on the next date of hearing.

Let inspection reports be furnished by the Member Secretary, A.P.P.C.B before this Court on or before the next date of hearing.

List on 29.10.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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