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(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION) ✓
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI ✓
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) ✓

WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, ✓
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX ✓

:PRESENT: ✓
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND ✓

WRIT PETITION NO: 6252 OF 2026



Between:

1. M/s. Vaibhav Cinemas, Rep by its Managing Partner namely V.Hari Krishna S/o. Late Veera Raghava Rao, Sai Srinivasam Apartment Flat No. 302, 3rd Line, Ashok Nagar, Guntur-522 007, A.P. State. ✓
2. V.Hari Krishna, Managing Partner of M/s. Vaibhav Cinemas, Sai Srinivasam Apartment, Flat No. 302, 3rd Line, Ashok Nagar, Guntur-522 007, A.P. State. ✓

Petitioners

AND

1. The Central Provident Fund Commissioner, E.P.F organization, Plate A, Ground Floor, Office Block-II, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023
2. The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner E.P.F.Organization Regional office, Krishna Nagar Guntur-522006, Guntur District, A.P State. ✓
3. The Recovery Officer, E.P.F.Organization Regional Office, Krishna Nagar, Guntur-522006, Guntur District, A.P State. ✓
4. N.Prem Lal A.O (Squad for recovery), E.P.F.Organization Regional office, Krishna Nagar, Guntur-522006, Guntur District, A.P State. ✓

5. The Management, Karthikeya Cine Enterprises, Guntur, Rep by its Managing Partner namely Kothuri Ramesh Babu S/o. K. Sambasiva Rao (Late), Door No. 9-6-5, 2nd Floor, Motupallivari Garden, Railpet, Guntur-522 001, A.P. State. ✓

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his their Advocate Sri. VENKATA RAMA-RAO KOTA presented this 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 direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of mandamus declaring that the impugned proceedings No's (1) AP/RO/GNT/REC/49722/Z-2/2025/276 dated 25.11.2025 of 3rd respondent and also (2) impugned proceedings AP/RO/GNT/REC/49722/Z-2/2025/278 dated 28.11.2025 of 3rd respondent, and also (3) impugned proceedings AP/RO/GNT/REC/49722/Z-2/2025/12 dated 19.12.2025 of 3rd respondent, in demanding the petitioners herein to pay an amount of Rs. 12,50,264-00 towards penal damages u/s 14-B of E.P.F and M.P Act, including Rs.550-00, towards recovery charges of penal damages amount, for the period from 03/2008 to 06/2016, which are payable by the 5th respondent herein, is highly illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional one and set aside the same holding that the petitioners are nothing to do with the alleged payment of penal damages of Rs. 12,50,264-00 and the petitioner herein are not liable to pay the said penal damages amount of Rs. 12,50,264-00 to the respondents No's 2 to 4; ✓

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri VENKATA RAMA RAO KOTA, Advocate for the Petitioners and of Sri. T. BALAJI, STANDING COUNSEL, for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, directed issue of notice to the Respondent No.5, herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

The Managing Partner namely Kothuri Ramesh Babu S/o. K. Sambasiva Rao (Late), The Management, Karthikeya Cine Enterprises, Guntur, Door No. 9-6-5, 2nd Floor, Motupallivari Garden, Railpet, Guntur-522 001, A.P. State.

are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate, as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the memorandum of grounds filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted on or before 01.04.2026 to which date the case stands posted for hearing.

The Court made the following ORDER:

Notice before admission.

Issue notice to respondent No.5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent No.5 by RPAD and file proof of service in the Registry.

List the matter on 01.04.2026.

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SD/- M.PRABHAKARA RAO
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Managing Partner namely Kothuri Ramesh Babu S/o. K. Sambasiva Rao (Late), The Management, Karthikeya Cine Enterprises, Guntur, Door No. 9-6-5, 2nd Floor, Motupallivari Garden, Railpet, Guntur-522 001, A.P. State. (by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. One CC to Sri. VENKATA RAMA RAO KOTA, Advocate [OPUC]
3. One CC to Sri. T. BALAJI, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
4. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

DEV, J

DATED:18/03/2026

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