

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

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF APRIL,  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

**:PRESENT:**

**HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 5588 OF 2026**



**Between:**

M/s. Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education, Having  
its Office at Siddhartha Nagar, Moghalraipuram, Vijayawada  
Represented by its Secretary, Sri P. Lakshmana Rao.

**Petitioner**

**AND**

1. Union of India, Represented by its Secretary, Department of Labour and Employment, New Delhi-110002.
2. Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Rep by its Joint Director, Regional Office at Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District - 520 004
3. The Recovery Officer, ESI Corporation, Sub Regional Office Vijayawada, NTR District-520004.

**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, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of the Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents, more particularly the Respondent No.2, in issuing the proceedings No. AP /RO /VJA /Ins.II /62000170570001304 dated 09.12.2025, thereby confirming the levy of damages under Section 85-B of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 , originally imposed vide order dated 18.02.2015 for a sum of Rs.2,64,923/-, without considering the relevant facts, mitigating circumstances and submissions made by the Petitioner as illegal, arbitrary, unjust, utter disregard of the order dated 13.12.2022 passed by the Principal Senior Civil Judge,

Vijayawada, in E.S.I.O.P. No.61 of 2015 and contrary to the provisions of Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, besides being violative of Articles 14, 19(1)g and 300A of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents not to take any coercive steps, including recovery proceedings, pursuant to the proceedings No. AP /RO /VJA /Ins. 11 /62000170570001304 dated 09.12.2025;

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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 DIRECT the Respondents not to take any coercive steps, including recovery proceedings, pursuant to the proceedings No. AP /RO/VJA/Ins. II/62000170570001304 dated 09.12.2025 issued by Respondent No.2;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the earlier orders of the High Court dated: 05.03.2026, 24.03.2026 & 07.04.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of M/s. CKR ASSOCIATES, Advocate for the Petitioner and of Sri. K MALLIKHARJUNA MOORTHY, Advocate for the Respondents;

**The Court made the following ORDER:**

**At request of the learned counsel for the respondents to file counter affidavit, post on 16.06.2026 in Daily List-II.**

**Interim order granted earlier shall stand extended till then.**

**Sd/-U.SRIDEVI  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**To,**

1. One CC to M/s. CKR ASSOCIATES, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to Sri. K MALLIKHARJUNA MOORTHY, Advocate [OPUC]
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**JSS**

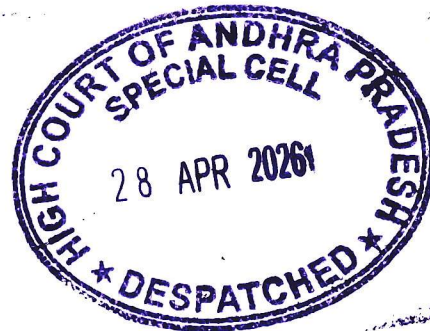
HIGH COURT

DEV, J

DATED: 21.04.2026.

POST ON 16.06.2026 IN DAILY LIST-II.

ORDER



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INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED