



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3207]

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

WRIT PETITION NO: 5812/2026

Between:

1. GANGA VENKATESWARA RAO, S/O GANGA VENKATAPPAIAH,
AGED 69 YEARS, DOOR NO. 8-14, DHARANIKOTA, AMARAVATHI
MANDAL, GUNTUR (PALNADU DISTRICT) - 522 020 ANDHRA
PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. UNION OF INDIA, REP BY ITS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SOUTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110 001.

2. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM, NEAR
P.F. OFFICE, BESIDE RYTHU BAZAR, MARRIPALEM, VUDA
LAYOUT, NAD POST, VISAKHAPATNAM-530009 ANDHRA
PRADESH.

3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, ANDHRA PRADESH-522238.

4. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, AMARAVATHI POLICE STATION,
GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522020 ANDHRA PRADESH.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 an appropriate writ or order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of

the respondents in not processing the petitioners passport renewal application (Ref. No. 25-1060792145) and Passport facilities to travel abroad to the Petitioner for his Passport bearing No. N9549179 as being illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the provisions of the Passports Act, 1967 and the Passports Rules, 1980 and also in violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 2ND Respondent to provide Passport facilities by renewing the Passport bearing No. N9549179 of the Petitioner without insisting for Court Acquittal Order or No Objection Certificate(NOC) from the Court and pass

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased may to direct the 2nd Respondent to provide Passport facilities by renewing the Passport bearing No. N9549179 of the Petitioner without insisting for Court Acquittal Order or No Objection Certificate(NOC) from the Court and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.SARMA C V S S

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR HOME

2.ALEKHYA TADASINA(CENTRAL GOVT COUNSEL)

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**WRIT PETITION No.5812 of 2026****ORDER: -**

It is brought to the notice of this Court by both the learned counsel that the subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by the common order passed in W.P.No.5602 of 2026 and batch, dated 07.04.2026, which is as follows:

“12. For the aforesaid reasons and in the light of the law laid down by the Apex Court and High Courts as referred above, these writ petitions are allowed directing the Passport Authorities to issue or re-issue or renew of the passports of the petitioners.

13. However, in the event of charge sheets being filed after investigation in criminal cases, the petitioners would be required to obtain necessary orders from the concerned Courts where the charge sheets are filed. These orders shall be in relation to the further period of validity of the said passports and conditions, if any that may be imposed by the concerned Court in relation to his/her travel abroad.

14. In the event, the petitioners do not take steps for obtaining such orders, it would be open to the Passport Authorities to revoke the passports of the petitioners after due notice to the petitioners.”

2. Hence, following the said orders, this writ petition is allowed on the same terms.

3. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

Date: 22.04.2026

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