

**WP(PIL) NO: 47 of 2025**Samachara Hakku Parirakshna Samaikya
Vedika

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others

...Respondents

Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. Eluru Sesha Mahesh Babu

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s) : GP for Panchayat Raj & Rural
Development,
GP for Roads & Buildings,
GP for Home,
GP for Revenue**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI****DATE : 5th March, 2025****P C :**

The issue that has been highlighted in the present PIL is that according to the Andhra Pradesh Gram Panchayat (Protection of Property) Rules, 2011 [for short, 'the Rules of 2011'], the Gram Panchayats have not prepared the inventory of lands belonging to such Gram Panchayats much less have they published it in the District Gazette as is otherwise the requirement in terms of Rule 3 of the Rules of 2011.

The purpose of preparing an inventory of such lands belonging to the Gram Panchayats is with a view to identify the properties which are required to be protected and if encroached steps are taken for the eviction of the

encroachers in terms of Rule 7 through high power committee consisting of as many as nine members.

Learned counsel for the petitioner stated that failure on the part of the Gram Panchayats to prepare the inventory as required in terms of the Rules of 2011 was enabling the encroachers to enjoy the property belonging to the Gram Panchayat rendering Rule 7 of the said Rules inoperative.

Notice.

Service is waived by learned Government Pleader for the Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department on behalf of respondent Nos.1, 3, 7 & 8; learned Government Pleader for the Revenue Department on behalf of respondent Nos.2, 4, 5 & 6, learned Government Pleader for the Home Department on behalf of respondent Nos.9 & 10 and learned Government Pleader for the Roads & Buildings Department on behalf of respondent No.12.

Response be filed.

We direct the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – respondent No.3 to take appropriate steps with a view to give effect to the Rules of 2011. The steps taken by the said respondent be placed before this Court on or before the next date of hearing.

List on 30.04.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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