

**WP(PIL) NO: 47 of 2025**

Samachara Hakku Parirakshna Samaikya Vedika

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and Others

...Respondent(s)

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 : 20th August 2025****P C :**

Pursuant to our orders, dated 05.03.2025, wherein we had directed the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department to take steps to give effect to the Andhra Pradesh Gram Panchayat (Protection of Property) Rules, 2011, response has been filed wherein it is stated that the said Officer has issued instructions, dated 17.07.2025 to all District Collectors/District Panchayat Officers in the State to take steps to update the inventory of Gram Panchayat properties and publish the same in the District Gazette and further to submit a report to the Government.

It is further stated that committees have been constituted at the district and the divisional level for purposes of strict implementation of the aforesaid Rules.

In the response filed by the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, it is stated that a survey is also being conducted under 'Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas' [SVAMITVA] scheme pursuant to which there shall be a Gazette publication of the Panchayat properties.

The survey, it is stated, will be completed by March, 2026 in all Gram Panchayats in the State. The SVAMITVA scheme, it is stated, was started in April, 2020 for establishment of clear ownership of properties in rural areas by mapping of land parcels using drone technology and providing Record of Rights to village households.

The response, however, is not clear as to whether the mapping of the land parcels under the SVAMITVA scheme was in any way connected with complying with the provisions of the Rules of 2011 or whether the uploading of the details of the properties belonging to the Gram Panchayat would be undertaken independently in terms of the Rules.

In any case, let a detailed status report be filed reflecting the action taken on the ground pursuant to the instructions issued by the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department.

List on 31.12.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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