

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

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF AUGUST

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

HONOURABLE SRI DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WP(PIL) NO: 47 OF 2025

Between:

Samachara Hakku Parirakshna Samaikya Vedika, Regd. Society vide No. 365/2024, Rep. by its. President Sri. Sabbella Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Reddy, S/o. Balakrishna Reddy, Aged 40 years. Resident of Door No. 14-32, Milk Bazar, near Pratibha Patashala, Prasadampadu, Vijayawada Rural, Krishna District, A.P. Aadhar No. 224818387582, Bank Account No. 96011073858 (Costal Local Area Bank Ltd), PAN No. ABKTS5446F, Cell. No. 7306319111.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural development Department, Secretariat building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretariat building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, O/o. Commissioner Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, D. No. 12-47, P.V.S ICON, Near Pratur Cross Road Tadepalli, Guntur District.
4. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, D. No. 189, 2nd floor Himanga Towers, N.T.R Marg, LIC Colony, B. Block, Gollapudi, Vijayawada, Andhra

5. The District Level High Power Committee Cum, The District Collector, O/o Collectorate, Krishna District.
6. The District Level High Power Committee Cum, The District Collector, O/o Collectorate, N.T.R District.
7. The District Panchayat Officer, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
8. The District Panchayat Officer, Machilipatnam, N.T.R District.
9. The Superintendent of Police, Vijayawada, NTR District.
10. The Superintendent of Police, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
11. The Engineer-In-Chief, Water Resources Department, Irrigation Compound Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520 002.
12. The Engineer-in-Chief, Shop No. 39-10-136, Vijayawada Road, R & B Circle, Punammathota, Labbipet, Vijayawada, A.P - 520 010.

...Respondents

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 or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the in-action of the respondents in identifying the Gram Panchayat Properties and in publishing the same in the District Gazette as per rule 3 (c) of G.O.Ms.No.188 of PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Pts. IV) DEPARTMENT dated 21.07.2011 and further not conducting the review meetings for every 3 months as mentioned in rule 7 of Said G.O., is highly illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondents to follow the procedure prescribed under the G.O.Ms. No. 188 for identification of Gram Panchayat properties and for publishing the same in the District Gazette.

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Petition under Section 151 of 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 to consider the

Representation submitted by the petitioner dated 28.01.2025 in respect of the implementation of Rule 3 (c) of G.O. Ms. No. 188 of PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Pts. IV) DEPARTMENT dated 21.07.2011 for identification of Gram panchayath properties and for Publication of District Gazette as per Rule 7, pending disposal of WP(PIL) No. 47 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Petition coming on for hearing and upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein support thereof and the earlier order of the High Court dated.05.03.2025, made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri ELURU SESA MAHESH BABU, Advocate for the Petitioner, and of GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT, for the Respondent Nos.1,3,7 & 8, and of GP FOR REVENUE, for the Respondent Nos.2, 4 to 6, and of GP FOR HOME, for the Respondent Nos.9 & 10, and of GP FOR ROADS & BUILDINGS, for the Respondent No.12, the Court made the following

ORDER:

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.

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Sd/-T.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural development Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
 2. The Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- (Addressees 1 & 2 by Special Messenger)

3. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, O/o. Commissioner Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, D. No. 12-47, P.V.S ICON, Near Pratur Cross Road Tadepalli, Guntur District.
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(Addressees 3 to 12 by RPAD)

13. One CC to SRI. ELURU SESA MAHESH BABU Advocate [OPUC]
14. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV ,High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
15. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
16. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
17. Two CCs to GP FOR ROADS & BUILDINGS, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]

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HIGH COURT

**HC,J
&
RC,J**

DATED:20.08.2025.

NOTE: List on 31.12.2025.

ORDER

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INTERIM DIRECTION

