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(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MONDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 6333 OF 2026

Between:

Beach Mineral Producers Association, Rep. by its President, Mr.
N.Pauldurai @ Perumal, Ittamozhi Road, Mahadevankulam (Post),
Tirunelveli District - 627 657.

Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, Rep. by its Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Department of Commerce Room No. 501, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
2. The Union of India, Rep. by its Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhavan, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi - 110001.
3. The Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt, of India CSM Marg, Mumbai - 400001.
4. The Director General of Foreign Trade, Office of Director General of Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.
5. The Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Port Area, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - PIN-530035
6. The Commissioner of Customs (Gangavaram Port), Office of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Port Area, Visakhapatnam - 530 001 Andhra Pradesh, India.

7. The Development Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone (VSEZ), Duvvada Administrative Building Office, Vsez Rd, Near Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh - 530049.
8. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Prl. Secretary, Mining Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238.
9. The Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Shri. Anjaneya Towers, D.No. 7-104, B-Block, 5th and 6th Floor, Ibrahimpattinam, Vijayawada - 521 456
10. Indian Rare Earths Limited, Rep. by its Chairman cum Managing Director Plot No, 1207, Swatantryaveer Savarkar Rd, Near Siddhi Vinayak Temple, Prabhadevi, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400028,
11. The Director, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through its Advocate SRI SUDHAKARA RAO AMBATI presented this 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 WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the Notification No.26/2015-2020dt.21-08-2018 issued by the 1st and 4th Respondents and the consequential Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Respondent No.4 as being illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Sec.4 (2) (a) (i) and Sec.4 (2) (a) (ii) of Competition Act and against the Mines, Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2023 as well as against the States Policy of Government of India as stated in Atomic Energy Bill 2025 and consequently to set aside the same.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit/memorandum of grounds filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Sudhakara Rao Ambati Advocate for the Petitioner, Additional Solicitor General for the Respondent Nos.1 to 7 and of GP for

Mines & Geology for the Respondent Nos.8 & 9, directed issue of notice to the Respondent No.10 herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

The Chairman cum Managing Director, Indian Rare Earths Limited, Plot No, 1207, Swatantryaveer Savarkar Rd, Near Siddhi Vinayak Temple, Prabhadevi, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400028

are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate, as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted within two weeks.

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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 suspend the operation of the impugned proceedings No.26/2015-2020 dt.21-08-2018 issued by the 1st and 4th Respondents, pending disposal of WP No. 6333 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following: ORDER

Notice before admission, returnable in two (2) weeks.

Issue notice to respondent No.10

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent No.10 by Speed Post/RPAD and file proof of service before the Registry within a period of two (2) weeks.

List the matter after two (2) weeks.

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**SD/- K.J.RAJA BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. The Chairman cum Managing Director, Indian Rare Earths Limited, Plot No, 1207, Swatantryaveer Savarkar Rd, Near Siddhi Vinayak Temple, Prabhadevi, Mumbai, Maharashtra – 400028 (by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. One CC to Sri. Sudhakara Rao Ambati, Advocate [OPUC]
3. One CC to Additional Solicitor General, High court of A.P [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP for Mines & Geology, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
5. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

SRK,J

DATED: 09/03/2026

LIST THE MATTER AFTER TWO (02) WEEKS

NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION

WP.No.6333 of 2026

