

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH::AT AMARAVATI
MAIN CASE No. W.P.No.7249 of 2026
PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	13.03.2026	<u>DEV,J</u> <u>W.P.No.7249 of 2026</u> Notice before admission. Mr.Arun Showri, learned Standing Counsel for the Central Government takes notice for the respondent No.1. Issue notice to the respondent No.2. Learned counsel for the petitioners is permitted to take out personal notice to the respondent No.2 and file proof of service within two (02) weeks. List on 02.04.2026. DEV, J <u>I.A.No.1 of 2026</u> Heard Mr.O.Manohar Reddy, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioners and Mr.Arun Showri, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.1.	
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		The grievance of the petitioners is that the petitioners are the dealers of the respondent No.2, who procure L.P.G. from the respondent No.2 and then supply to its customers. Due to recent geopolitical reasons and military escalations in the Middle East region of the world, especially, around Iran, U.A.E., and Saudi Arabia, the trade cycle around the world is disrupted, especially the oil trade, which is also disrupted the supply of L.P.G. across the world. Learned Senior Counsel would submit that the present situation created a huge gap between the demand and supply of the oil and L.P.G. in the global as well as domestic markets. Learned Senior Counsel further contends that the Union of India i.e., the Respondent No.1 on 05.03.2026 directed the Oil Refining Companies operating in India to maximise and ensure that Propane and Butane streams produced, recovered, fractionated or otherwise available with them are utilized for production of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (L.P.G) and further directed to make it available to three public sector OMC's viz., IOCL, HPCL and	
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	BPCL. The respondent No.1 further directed all public sectors OMC's to ensure that L.P.G., so procured is supplied/marketed solely to consumers of domestic L.P.G. only. Under the circumstances, learned Senior Counsel would submit that the respondent No.2 is taking advantage of the present situation and selling L.P.G. at international market at inflated rates only to make personal gains, contrary to the Government of India's directions. The stand of the respondent No.2 will be considered after serving notice to them. In the meanwhile, taking into consideration of the directions issued by the Government of India, in its order, dated 05.03.2026 and the grievance put forth before this Court by the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioners and also keeping in mind the news articles published in the print and electronic media that there is serious scarcity of L.P.G. in the country, we are of the prima facie view that if the oil refining companies operating in India are permitted or allowed to sell L.P.G. at international market, it would cause irreparable loss and hardships to the public at large in our country.	
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In view of the same, there shall be interim direction, as prayed for.

Further, the respondent No.1-Union of India shall ensure strict compliance with the order, dated 05.03.2026.

DEV, J

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