

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

IA No. 1 OF 2026

IN

WP NO: 7249 OF 2026



Between:

1. Medha Himaja Shrii Enterprises, GSTIN: 37AKSPN2265J1ZK rep by its Proprietor - Durjay Nallamothe, C/o: N S V L M B G Thilak, P No-303, Vibhavari Enclave, South Block, Kanuru, Near Mana Kalyana Mandapam, Sarada Colony, Vijayawada, PO: Autonagar, DIST: N.T.R., Andhra Pradesh - 520007
2. Nihansh Gas Agency, GSTIN. 37AGQP13259P1ZK rep by its Proprietor - Para Sri Lakshmi, W/o Para Sriharshavardhan, Flat No.511, Damayanti residence, PVP Siddarth Engineering College Road, Kanuru, Vijayawada, PO: Yanamalakuduru, District: N.T.R., State: Andhra Pradesh, PIN: 520007.

...Petitioners

AND

1. Union of India, Through Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Having office at: Kartavya Bhawan - 03, Janpath Road, New Delhi -11000.
2. Confidence Petroleum India Ltd., Having its Office at: Confidence Tower, 34-A, Central Bazar Road, Ramdaspath, Nagpur - 440010 rep by its Managing Director.

...Respondents

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 2nd respondent to restrain the LPG sale to

international market except to supply the same to the Indian Market through the distributors so as to enable the distributors to supply the same to their consumers pursuant to the Order dated 05-03-2026 issued by the 1st respondent, pending disposal of WP No. 7249 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri O.Manohar Reddy, Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri V.V.N.Narayana Rao, Advocate for the Petitioners and of Sri Arun Showri, Standing Counsel for Respondent No.1, the Court made the following

ORDER:

“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.

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 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.

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."

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**SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. Union of India, Through Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Having office at: Kartavya Bhawan - 03, Janpath Road, New Delhi -11000.
2. The Managing Director, Confidence Petroleum India Ltd., Having its Office at: Confidence Tower, 34-A, Central Bazar Road, Ramdaspath, Nagpur – 440010.(Addressee Nos. 1 and 2 By RPAD)
3. One CC to Sri V.V.N.Narayana Rao, Advocate [OPUC]
4. One CC to Sri Arun Showri, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
5. One spare copy.

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HIGH COURT

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DATE:13/03/2026

NOTE: LIST ON 02.04.2026

ORDER

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