

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

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI NATH TILHARI

AND

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBHENDU SAMANTA

WRIT APPEAL NO: 314 OF 2026

(Writ Appeal under clause 15 of the Letter Patent is filed being aggrieved by
the Order dated 24.07.2025 in W.P.No.14961 of 2020)

Between:

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The District Collector, YSR Kadapa District Kadapa. Presently Tirupati District.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Land Acquisition Officer, Rajampet, YSR Kadapa District. Presently Tirupati District.
4. The Tahsildar, Kodur, YSR Kadapa District Presently Tirupati District.

... Appellants/

Respondents

AND

1. Vakacherla Narayana Rao, S/o.Subba Rayadu, Aged 59 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o.Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal YSR Kadapa District.
2. Vakacherla Narasimhulu, S/o.Subba Rayadu, Aged 53 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.

3. Vakacherla Subba Rao, S/o.Narasimhulu.Aged 60 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o.Railway Kodur Village. Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.
4. Vakacherla Satyanarayana Rao, S/o.V Narasimhulu, Aged 54 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o.Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.
5. Vakacherla Laxmi, W/o.Late Krishna Rao, Aged 48 year, Occ Agriculture, R/o Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.
6. V Mallikarjuna, S/o Late Narasimhulu, Aged 46 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.
7. V Narasimhulu, S/o Narasimhulu,Aged 41 years, Occ Agriculture R/o Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.
8. V Narasimhulu, S/o Late Subba Rao, Aged 52 years, Occ Agriculture R/o. Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.
9. V Nagaraju Gupta, S/o Late Vakacherla Subba Rao, Aged 47 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o Railway Kodur Village, Railway Kodur Mandal YSR Kadapa District.

.... Respondents

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of GP FOR LAND ACQUISITION Advocate for the Petitioners, SRI K VENUGOPAL REDDY Advocate for the Respondents, the Court made the following.

ORDER

Heard the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Land Acquisition appearing for the writ appellants and Sri K.Venu Gopal Reddy, learned counsel appearing for respondents/writ petitioners 1 to 9.

2. The Writ Appeal has been filed challenging the order dated 24.07.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.No.14961 of 2020, whereby the writ petition was partly allowed.

3. The writ appellants were the respondents and the present respondent Nos.1 to 9 were the writ petitioners in W.P.No.14961 of 2020.

4. The case of the writ petitioners is that their lands were acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, but the compensation was not paid.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the appellants submits that land admeasuring Ac.9.43 cents in Kodur Village and Mandal, YSR Kadapa District, was acquired and an Award was passed. However, with respect to the payment of compensation, all the relevant records were destroyed in a hostile attack. He further submits that the writ petitioners claimed compensation for land admeasuring Ac.9.43 cents and Ac.11.75 cents (totalling Ac.21.18 cents). He submits that the writ petitioners approached this Court after nearly 34 years and that, if the compensation had in fact not been paid, they ought to have approached the competent Court without such inordinate delay.

6. I.A.No.1 of 2026 has been filed seeking condonation of the delay of 171 days in filing the present Writ Appeal.

7. Sri K. Venu Gopal Reddy, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 9, while seeking time to file a counter affidavit in I.A.No.1 of 2026, submits that he had also appeared as counsel for the writ petitioners in the writ petition and is, therefore, well acquainted with the facts of the case. He submits that Ex.P6, filed in the writ petition, is a copy of the instructions furnished by the Tahsildar to the learned Government Pleader in W.P.No.16901 of 2007. He submits that the said document was obtained under the Right to Information Act and filed along with the writ petition No.14961 of 2020. According to him, Ex.P6 discloses that the writ petitioner in W.P.No.16901 of 2007 had not received compensation from the Land Acquisition Officer.

8. *Prima facie*, the impugned order in the present writ appeal, appears to have proceeded on the basis of Ex.P6. A perusal of the said document shows that it pertains to the writ petitioner in W.P.No.16901 of 2007, who had not received compensation as per Ex.P6. However, the present respondents/writ petitioners appear to be different from the writ petitioner in W.P.No.16901 of 2007 and so considering Ex.P6, if the impugned order could be passed in favour of the writ petitioners here, inter alia requires consideration.

9. Learned counsel for the respondents/writ petitioners submits that the present writ petitioners are members of the family of the petition in W.P.No.16901 of 2007.

10. Learned Assistant Government Pleader further submits that the respondents/writ petitioners have also filed a Contempt Case alleging disobedience of the order dated 24.07.2025 passed in W.P.No.14961 of 2020 which the Contempt Case is posted on 02.07.2026.

11. Considering the aforesaid submissions, let the counter affidavit be filed in I.A.No.1 of 2026.

12. The respondents/writ petitioners shall also file an affidavit explaining their relationship with the writ petitioner in W.P.No.16901 of 2007 so as to demonstrate that based on Ex.P6 that the writ petitioner therein had not received compensation from the Land Acquisition Officer, the present writ petition could also be decided.

13. Subject to the writ appellants depositing before this Court the compensation payable in respect of land admeasuring Ac.9.43 cents within a period of three (03) weeks, the operation of the impugned order dated 24.07.2025 passed in W.P.No.14961 of 2020 shall remain stayed, till the disposal of I.A.No.1 of 2026.

14. List on 22.07.2026.

Sd/-K.R.V.S.SUBRAHMANYAM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

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HIGH COURT

RNT, J

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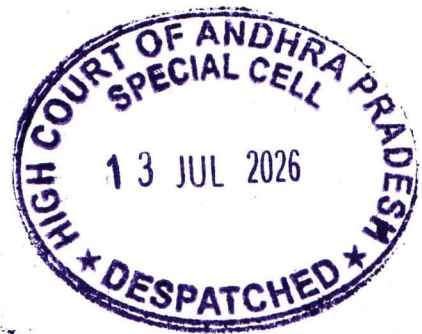
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DATED:01/07/2026

List on 22.07.2026.

ORDER

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