

APHC010153072025



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3332]

THURSDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 8012/2025

Between:

1.L GEETHA RANI, W/O LINGUTIA SATYA NARAYANA FAIR PRICE
DEALER, SHOP NO.1328102, R/O RAMAKRISHNAPURAMU
VILLAGE, KRISHNAGIRI MANDAL KURNOOL DISTRICT, ANDHRA
PRADESH

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, , REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND CIVIL SUPPLIES
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI,
AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
- 2.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 3.THE JOINT COLLECTOR AND ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 4.THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, PATTIKONDA MANDAL,
KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 5.THE TAHSILDAR, KRISHNAGIRIMANDAL KURNOOL DISTRICT.
- 6.THE VILLAGE REVENUE ASSISTANT, RAMAKRISHNAPURAM
VILLAGE, KRISHNAGIRI MANDAL KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ Order or direction declaring the action of the 4th respondent in replacing the name of the petitioner with that of the respondent no.6 in E-PoS Machine vide proceedings in Rc.D.60/2025, dated 07.02.2025 and not supplying the essential commodities to the petitioners Fair Price Shop in 1328102, situated at Ramakrishnapuramu village, Krishnagiri mandal, Kurnool district without issuing any show cause notice and conducting an enquiry is illegal, arbitrary, and violation of principles of natural justice alongside violative of the provisions of Control orders and consequently set aside the same and allow the petitioners continue as Fair Price Dealer vide shop No. 1328102, situated at Ramakrishnapuramu village, Krishnagiri mandal, Kurnool district and pass such

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased may be pleased to suspend the orders passed by the 4th respondent vide Rc.D.60/2025, dated 07.02.2025 replacing the name of the petitioner with that of the respondent no.6 in E-PoS Machine of the Fair Price shop No. 1328102, situated at Ramakrishnapuramu village, Krishnagiri mandal, Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh pending disposal of the above Writ Petition and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.AYESHA AZMA S

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Court made the following:

ORDER

This writ petition is filed questioning the proceedings dated 07.02.2025 passed by respondent no.4-Revenue Divisional Officer, vide Rc.D.60/2025 whereby name of the petitioner was replaced with that of respondent no.6-Village Revenue Assistant in E-PoS machine and stopped supplying essential commodities to the petitioner's Fair Price Shop No.1328102, situated at Ramakrishnapuramu Village, Krishnagiri Mandal, Kurnool District.

2. Heard Ms.Ayesha Azma, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri Vineeth Appasani, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

3. Ms.Ayesha Azma, learned counsel for the petitioner, while reiterating the contents of the writ affidavit would contend that without issuing any show cause notice and without affording an opportunity of being heard to the petitioner and without suspending or cancelling the authorization, her name was replaced with that of the Village Revenue Assistant in E-Pos machine and the authorities stopped supplying essential commodities to the Fair Price Shop of the petitioner. She would further contend that by way of interim orders passed by this Court on 28.03.2025 the respondent authorities were directed to continue the petitioner as Fair Price Shop Dealer. She would further contend that changing the name in E-pos machine and stoppage of supply of essential commodities without suspension or cancellation of the Fair Price

Shop authorization is illegal and arbitrary. Accordingly, prayed to allow the writ petition.

4. Sri Vineeth Appasani, learned Assistant Government Pleader, fairly conceded that the authorities cannot either change the name in E-Pos machine without issuing any show cause notice and without affording an opportunity of being heard and cannot also stop supply of essential commodities, unless the FP shop authorization of the petitioner is either suspended or cancelled and in the instant case there was neither suspension nor cancellation of the authorization and the authorities, if intend, would take steps in accordance with law against the irregularities, if any, committed by the petitioner.

5. Perused the material available on record and considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. As rightly contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner and fairly conceded by the learned Assistant Government Pleader, there is neither suspension nor cancellation of the FP shop authorization of the petitioner. Further, changing the name in E-PoS machine suffers from the vice of violation of principles of natural justice. Therefore, changing the name in E-PoS machine as well as stoppage of supply of essential commodities for being

distributed to the cardholders allocated to the FP shop of the petitioner is unsustainable.

7. The record discloses that this Court vide interim orders dated 28.03.2025 directed the authorities to supply stock and it is admitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that since then there was supply of goods to the FP shop of the petitioner.

8. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the authorities to restore back the name of the petitioner in E-PoS machine and continue to supply the essential commodities to the FP shop of the petitioner. In case the respondent authorities intend to take action against the irregularities, if any, committed by the petitioner, they can take steps in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

12th February, 2026.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI
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