

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

**TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE R. RAGHUNANDAN RAO
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T.C.D. SEKHAR**

WRIT PETITION NO: 8502 OF 2026

Between:

P Srinivasa Babu, S/o. Ramanadham, Aged about 59 years, Occ:
Business, R/o. 40-5-19/4, Sf-7 Geetanjali Apartments, Tikkle Road,
Vijayawada Andhra Pradesh-520010.

Petitioner

AND

1. Union of India, Represented by its Secretary, Finance Department, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Hyderabad Room No. 922, 9th Floor, "B" Block, I.T. Towers, 10-2-3, AC Guards, Hyderabad - 500 004, Telangana.
3. The Income Tax officer, Ward-2(1), Vijayawada, having office at C.R. Building, 1st Floor Annex, M.G. Road, Vijayawada having e-mail id Vjiavawada.IT02.1@incometax.gov.in.
4. The Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals), National Faceless Assessment Centre, Income Tax Department, New Delhi
5. Faceless Assessing Officer, National Faceless Assessment Centre, Income Tax Deaprtment, New Delhi

Respondents

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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, declaring the Order, dated 04.02.2025 in DIN No.

ITBA/NFAC/S/250/2024- 25/1072915323(1) exercising the powers under proviso to Section 251(l)(a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 issued by the respondent No.4 directing the respondent No.5 to conduct fresh assessment for the Assessment Year 2015- 2016 by holding that the Assessment Order, dated 29.03.2022 in DIN No. ITBA/AST/S/147/2021-22/1041973608(1) was under Section 144 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, even though the same was under Section 143(3) r/w Section 147 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and hence proviso to Section 251(1) (a) of the Income Tax Act has no application and the consequential action on part of the respondent No.5 in assessing my total income as Rs. 5,48,64,780/- (Rupees Five Crores Forty Eight Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty) for the Assessment Year 2015-2016 vide order, dated 02.03.2026 in DIN No. ITBA/AST/S/147/2025-26/1086743032(l), i.e., over and above the remand Order, virtually amounting to reassessment as one without jurisdiction, arbitrary, illegal, colourable exercise of power, contrary to Section 251 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 apart from being violative of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed to me under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the Order, dated 04.02.2025 in DIN No. ITBA/NFAC/S/250/2024-25/1072915323(1) issued by the respondent No.4 and the order, dated 02.03.2026 in DIN No. ITBA/AST/S/147/2025- 26/1086743032(1), issued by the respondent No.5;

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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 stay all further proceedings order, dated 02.03.2026 in DIN No. ITBA/AST/S/147/2025-26/1086743032(1) issued by the respondent No.5 for the assessment year 2015-2016, Pending disposal of WP 8502 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 the earlier order of the High Court dated: 22.04.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri B.ABHAY

SIDDHANTH MOOTHA, Advocate for the Petitioner and of ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, for R1 and of Sri Y.N.VIVKENANANDA, STANDING COUNSEL for R2 to R5 and the Court made the following;

ORDER:

Time is sought for filing of a counter-affidavit.

Post on 03.08.2026.

Interim direction granted earlier shall stand extended till 25.08.2026.

**SD/-K.V.RAGHAVULU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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To,

1. One CC to Sri. B.ABHAY SIDDHANTH MOOTHA, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, Advocate [OPUC]
3. One CC to Sri Y.N.VIVKENANANDA, STANDING Counsel [OPUC]
4. Two spare copies

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HIGH COURT

**RRR, J
&
TCDS, J**

DATED:16.06.2026.

POST ON 03.08.2026.

ORDER



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INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED