

APHC010170862026



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

[3328]

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

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA
PRASAD**

WRIT PETITION NO: 8563/2026

Between:

1.M/S. ROYAL ADS AGENCY, REP. BY ITS PROPRIETOR MD. CHAN BASHA S/O. RAHAMTHUIIA, AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O.D.NO.37-2-53, 1ST LINE, ISLAM PETA, ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, A.P.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT AT VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI.
- 2.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE CUM SPECIAL OFFICER, ONGOLE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, A.P. 523001
- 3.THE ONGOLE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER, ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, A.P.-523001
- 4.SRI K VENKATESWARA RAO, OCC. COMMISSIONER, ONGOLE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, A.P.-523001

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.SURYAM GANNAVARAPU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR REVENUE

2.GP MUNICIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

ORAL ORDER:

Heard Sri S.M. Subhani, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri Suryam Gannavarapu, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner and Sri S. Vijay Kumar, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri A.S.C. Bose, learned Standing Counsel for Ongole Municipal Corporation.

2. It is the submission of the learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner that the earlier Notice that was issued on 13.06.2025 (Ex.P.3) was recalled by the Respondents. Thereafter, the Respondents have again issued the impugned Notices dated 20.03.2026 & 26.03.2026 (Ex.P.1). It is the submission of the learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner that while there are several other hoardings that are put up by the third parties on the same road divider, the Official Respondents have directed only the Writ Petitioner herein to remove the hoardings and this act of the Respondents is discriminatory in nature. He would also submit that the Respondent Officials have removed the frame.

3. There shall be a direction to all the parties to maintain *Status quo* obtaining as on today till the next listing.

4. List on 07.04.2026 in the motion list, to enable the Writ Petitioner to place on record the photographs indicating that the Respondents have allowed the other hoardings to remain which are erected by the third parties.

5. In the meantime, Sri S. Vijay Kumar, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri A.S.C. Bose, learned Standing Counsel for Ongole Municipal Corporation, is directed to obtain Written Instructions.

GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD, J

Dt:01.04.2026

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