

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

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM
WRIT PETITION NO: 9016 OF 2026**



Between:

V Bala Ram, S/o. Chinna Venkata, R/o.H-No.9-7 Valasala Village,
Malkapuram Post, Dhone Mandal, Nandyal District, Andhra Pradesh.

... Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary
Department of Mines and Geology, Secretariat building at
Velagapudi.522237
2. The Director of Mines and geology, 5th and 6th Floors, Block-B, Sri
Anjaneya Towers, Ibrahimpatnam, NTR District. 521456
3. Divisional Mines and Geology Officer, Banaganapalli, Nandyal District.
518124.
4. District Mines and Geology Officer, Nandyal District. Nandyal, 51850.

... Respondent

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 directing the Respondent No.2 in not processing of the petitioner's mining application dt.20.08.2020 which is received by the Respondents on 03.09.2020 for quarry lease for an extent of 2 Hcs in Sy.No.185/1and 891KothapalliVillage, Bethamcherla Mandal Nandyal District without considering balance payment made by petitioner on 21.02.2026 with accordance to the letter via File.No.2461/Q4/2020 issued by the Respondent No.3 on 19.02.2026 is illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the

APMMC Rules and consequently direct to consider the petitioner's quarry lease application under G.O.Ms.100, Dt. 26.06.2025.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 direct the Respondent No.2 in not processing of the petitioner's mining application dt: 20.08.2020 which is received by the Respondents on 03.09.2020 for quarry lease for an extent of 2 Hcs in Sy.No.185/1& 891 Kothapalli Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Nandyal District and Delaying consequential issuing of Letter of intent without considering balance payment made by petitioner on 21.02.2026 with accordance to the letter via File.No.2461/Q4/2020 issued by the Respondent No.3 on 19.02.2026 is illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the APMMC Rules, Pending disposal of WP 9016 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 KS Naveen Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, and the Court made the following.

ORDER

The instant writ petition was adjourned at the request of the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology on 07.04.2026 and 09.04.2026. The matter is listed today. Even today, Smt. M. Anusha, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology, has again requested further time to obtain written instructions.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent authorities are merely prolonging the matter without furnishing the

relevant objections in writing. Accordingly, the matter is directed to be listed on 27.04.2026 along with W.P. Nos. 10070 of 2026 and 10519 of 2026.

On the said date, respondent Nos.2 and 3 are hereby directed to file comprehensive written instructions/counters in W.P. Nos. 10070 of 2026 and 10519 of 2026. Failing which, respondent No.3, i.e., the Divisional Mines & Geology Officer, Banaganapalli, Nandyal District, shall be present before this Court at 10:30 a.m., either in physical or virtual mode.

Sd/-U.SRI DEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Director of Mines and geology, 5th and 6th Floors, Block-B, Sri Anjaneya Towers, Ibrahimpatnam, NTR District. 521456
2. The Divisional Mines and Geology Officer, Banaganapalli, Nandyal District. 518124.(by **SPEED POST**)
3. One CC to SRI. KS Naveen Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
5. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

MRK, J

DATED:22/04/2026

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ORDER

WP.No.9016 of 2026

CONDITIONAL APPEARANCE

