

**WRIT APPEAL NO: 419 of 2026**

Shaik Afreen

...Appellant

Vs.

M Lakshmi Rajyam and Others

...Respondent(s)

Advocate for Appellant:

Mr. Guttapalem Vijaya Kumar

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s):

Mr. Papudippu Sashidar Reddy,

GP for Civil Supplies

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE LISA GILL
SRI JUSTICE NINALA JAYASURYA****DATE : 5th May 2026****P C :**

Learned counsel for appellant submits that appellant was appointed as fair price shop dealer of shop No.1136011 of Lakkireddy Palli Village & Mandal on temporary basis for a period of three months from 08.09.2025 to 08.12.2025. Thereafter, appellant has continued to work as fair price shop dealer of the said shop.

Earlier authorized fair price shop dealer of this shop had been issued a show cause notice, dated 13.08.2025. The said dealer filed W.P. No.34868 of 2025, which was disposed of on 15.12.2025 directing official respondents to supply essential commodities to said petitioner's fair price shop and allow her to distribute the same to cardholders until any disciplinary action is initiated against her in accordance with law.

It is submitted that said petitioner, despite being aware of temporary arrangement in favour of present appellant, did not implead her as party to writ petition and impugned order was passed in her absence.

Learned counsel for official respondents had been asked to seek instructions keeping in view of the fact that temporary arrangement in favour of appellant was only for a period three months from 08.09.2025 to 08.12.2025. It is informed today that there has been no extension of this period, though we take note of the fact that it was brought to notice of learned Single Bench that in larger public interest, fingerprint authorization has been temporarily transferred to one Mr. J. Rajendra Prasad, Village Revenue Assistant, to facilitate smooth distribution of essential commodities to cardholders and Anganwadi Centers.

Peculiarly, it is brought to our notice that in effect the appellant continues to hold temporary charge of the shop in question without any extension of authorization and despite recital before learned single Judge that fingerprint authorization was transferred to Village Revenue Assistant. It is equally relevant to note that W.P. No.34868 of 2025 was filed by respondent/writ petitioner without impleading present appellant as a party.

Keeping in view the above, at this stage, it is directed that temporary authorization be given to the competent Village Revenue Assistant immediately to facilitate smooth distribution of essential commodities to cardholders and Anganwadi Centers. Official respondents shall conclude the proceedings initiated vide show cause notice, dated 13.08.2025, to which reply dated 01.12.2025, is stated to have been submitted by writ petitioner. Inquiry be concluded in accordance with provisions of law before next date of hearing. Interim order dated 17.04.2026, is modified to such extent.

List on 15.06.2026.

In the meantime, counter along with result of inquiry be filed.

LISA GILL, CJ

NINALA JAYASURYA, J

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