

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

FRIDAY ,THE TENTH DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 9657 OF 2026

Between:

Manepalli Srinivasa Murthy, S/o. Late M.V.Surya Narayana Murthy, Aged
59 years, Occ Archaka, Rio. Kowur, East Godavari District. 533016,

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Prl. Secretary,
Revenue(Endowments)Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati, Guntur Dist.522238
2. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Gollapudi, Vijayawada,
NTR District.521225
3. The Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department,
Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.533105.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Endowments Department, Kakinada, East
Godavari District.533016.
5. The District Endowments Officer, Endowments Department,
Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.533105

6. Sri M. Balakrishna, Executive Officer, Gr-III, Kowuru, Kowur Mandal,
East Godavari District.533016.

Respondent

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 or direction or order more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the proceedings issued by the 2nd respondent Vide Proc.in Rc.No.E2/COE-15021/140/2026, dt. 01-04-2026, in appointing 6th respondent as Executive officer(FAC) to Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Sametha Sundaeswara Swamy Temple, Kowuru, East Godavari, for taking over the administration of the said temple, purportedly in the interest of better administration, during the subsistence of Petitioner's appointment vide orders dt. 10-08-2011 as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Section 29 of Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 and rules made thereunder, contrary to G.O.Ms.No. 298, Revenue(Endowments.II), dt. 06-07-2023 and in violation of Articles 14, 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the Proc.in Rc.No.E2/COE-15021/140/2026, dt. 01-04-2026

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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 to direct the 6th respondent, not to interfere with the religious, ritualistic and day-to-day activities of the temple including performance of pujas, sevas and other customary practices, which are being carried out by the Petitioner at Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Sametha Sundaeswara Swamy Temple, Kovvuru, East Godavari, pending disposal of the above writ petition

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri SIVA RAMA KRISHNA KOLLURU Advocate for the Petitioner(s), GP FOR ENDOWMENTS for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 5, SC for Endowments for respondent No.6 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel for the respondents.

Considering the submissions, there shall be an interim direction directing the respondents to continue the petitioner as Archaka pursuant to the proceedings dated 10.08.2011.

For filing counter-affidavit, list the matter after three(3) weeks

SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of A.P., Revenue(Endowments) Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur Dist.522238
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6. Sri M. Balakrishna, Executive Officer, Gr-III, Kowuru, Kowur Mandal, East Godavari District.533016 (1-6 by RPAD)
7. One CC to SRI. SIVA RAMA KRISHNA KOLLURU Advocate [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR ENDOWMENTS ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

NV, J

DATED:10/04/2026

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DIRECTION

