

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

W.P.No. 10635 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	21.04.2026	<u>VN, J</u> Issue Notice to the Respondent(s). The Writ Petition is filed questioning the Proceedings dated 08.04.2026, whereunder the Assistant Registrar, District Cooperative Society, appointed as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the allegations made against the Malla Reddy Vedanagar Cooperative House Building Society, Peddachinthakunta Village, Allagadda Mandal, Kurnool District. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Collector & District Magistrate, Nandyal, is not competent authority to appoint an Enquiry Officer. He further submits that the appointment was made at the instance of a public representative without there being any prima facie case being made out for enquiry with the affairs of the society. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that the appointment of the Enquiry Officer was only to do a preliminary enquiry into the affairs of the Society, and the same is not prejudicial to the Petitioner or the members of the Society.	

		Heard the learned respective counsel. Under Section 51 of the Andhra Pradesh Cooperative Societies Act, 1964, the Registrar can appoint an Enquiry Officer to verify the allegations against the Petitioner's Society. In this case, the Collector and District Magistrate appointed an Enquiry Officer at the instance of a public representative, and the same is beyond the competence even as per delegation of powers under G.O.Ms.No.34, dated 16.01.1989. Therefore, there shall be an interim stay of the enquiry into the affairs of the Petitioner's Society pursuant to the Notice dated 08.04.2026 and consequential Notice dated 18.04.2026 issued by the Assistant Registrar, Allagadda. Post after four weeks. _____ VN, J eha.	
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