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

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 10937 OF 2026

Between:

B. Ramireddy, S/o. Vishnu Narayana Reddy, aged about 60 years, R/o.
Chittyala Village, Vatsavayi Mandal, NTR District.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Through the Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522238.
2. Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Ltd, (APCPDCL), Rep. by its Managing Director, Vijayawada, N.T.R. District-520008.
3. The Executive Engineer (Operations), Rural Division, APCPDCL, Vijayawada, N.T.R. District-520004.
4. The Deputy Executive Engineer (Operations), Sub Division, APCPDCL, Jaggaiahpet, N.T.R. District-521175.
5. The Assistant Executive Engineer (Operations), APCPDCL, Vatsavayi, N.T.R. District-521402.
6. B. Venkata Reddy, S/o. Vishnu Narayana Reddy, aged about 55 years, R/o. D.No.2-81 Chittyala Village, Vatsavayi Mandal, N.T.R. District-521402.

7. B. Naga Malleswari, W/o.Vishnu Narayana Reddy, aged about 47 years
R/o. D.No.2-81 Chittyala Village, Vatsavayi Mandal, N.T.R.District-
521402.

Respondents

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 an appropriate Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of MANDAMUS the action of the official Respondents particularly the 5th Respondent under Letter No.AEE/OS/VATSAVAYI/F No/D No. 11/2026 dt: 15-04-2026 where under it is informed that the agricultural electricity connection will be disconnected is arbitrary, illegal and violative of provisions of the Electricity Act,2003 apart from violations of Art.14, 21 and 300-A of the constitution of India and consequently set aside the letter dt: 15-04-2026 of the 5th respondent;

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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 official respondents not to disconnect the agricultural electricity connection to the Petitioner's agriculture land bearing survey No.131/2 of Chittyala Village, Vatsavayi Mandal, NTR district, pending disposal of the above writ petition in this Hon'ble 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. SAI GANGADHAR CHAMARTY, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP FOR ENERGY for the Respondent No.1 and of Sri. V.V. SATISH, STANDING COUNSEL, for the Respondent Nos.2 to 5;

The Court made the following ORDER:

- 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.**

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that 5th respondent issued a communication in Lr. No. AEE/OS/Vatsavai/ FNO./D. No. 11/2026 dt: 15.04.2026, wherein it was proposed to disconnect the electricity service earlier granted in favour of the petitioner on the basis of 'No Objection Certificate' issued by the concerned Revenue Authority.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner mainly contends that, prior to issuance of said communication dt:15.04.2026, no notice was served on the petitioner, and hence, the same is in violation of the principles of natural justice.

4. The petitioner further submits that the petitioner is aged about 60 years, is a farmer, and is exclusively depending on income derived from agriculture. It is also submitted that the petitioner is presently raising a crop in the subject property.

5. On the other hand, Sri Abdul Matheen, learned counsel representing Sri V.V. Satish, learned Standing Counsel for APEPDCL, seeks time to get instructions.

6. Having regard to the above facts and circumstances, more particularly communication dt:15.04.2026 not reveals about factum of issuance of notice to the petitioner as the same is in violation of principles of natural justice. Added to that in view of well-settled legal principles laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in *Krishnadatt Awasthy vs. State of Madhya Pradesh and Others*, reported in (2025) 7 SCC 545, and *Triveni Engineering and Industries Limited vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and Others*, reported in (2026) 2 SCC 729, highlighting the significance of principles of natural justice, there shall be an interim direction as prayed for.

7. Post after two (02) weeks.

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SD/- K.J.RAJU BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
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SECTION OFFER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522238.
(by SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Ltd, (APCPDCL), Vijayawada, N.T.R. District-520008.
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8. One CC to Sri. SAI GANGADHAR CHAMARTY, Advocate [OPUC]
9. Two CCs to GP FOR ENERGY, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
10. One CC to Sri. V.V. SATISH, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
11. One spare copy

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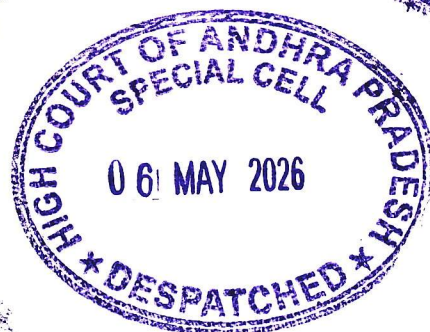
MRK, J

DATED:23/04/2026

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ORDER

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