



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3207]

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

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

WRIT PETITION NO: 10971/2026

Between:

1. MEKAPOGU MANJULATHA,, W/O. MURALI KRISHNA, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, R/O.HYOJADONG3-GA, JEONJU-SI, 1 JEOLLABUK-DO, SOUTH KOREA, REPRESENTED BY THEIR SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER IRASANA NAGARAJU, S/O IRASANA CHINNA URUKUNDU, AGED 36 YEARS, RESIDENT OF MALAPALLI VILLAGE, MANTRALAYAM MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE UNION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI. - 110001
2. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER, PF OFFICE RD, BESIDE RYTHU BAZAR, VISAKHAPATNAM VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT, 530009.
3. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, KURNOOL III TOWN POLICE STATION, KURNOOL DISTRICT. 518001.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 topleased to issue an appropriate Writ or Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action, things

and deeds of Respondent in not renewing the passport, which is illegal, irregular, arbitrary, un-conational, against to the principles of natural justice and in violation of Articles 14,19 and 21 of Constitution of India consequently direct the Respondents to renew the Petitioners Passport and to pass

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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 Respondent authorities to renew the Petitioner's passport without reference CC. No. 115 of 2025 on the file of the special judicial Magistrate of first Class for Proh. & Excise Kurnool pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

- 1.CH VENKAT RAMAN

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

- 1.GP FOR HOME
- 2.Mr. AKHIL KRISHNAN for R1 and R2

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**WRIT PETITION No.10971 of 2026****ORDER: -**

It is brought to the notice of this Court by both the learned counsel that the subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by the common order passed in W.P.No.5769 of 2026 and batch, dated 07.04.2026, which is as follows:

"9. Accordingly, these writ petitions are allowed with the following direction:

The Passport Authorities to consider and pass appropriate orders on the applications submitted by the petitioners for issuance of passports or re-issuance of passports or renewal of passports, for a period of ten (10) years, under Section 10 of the Passports Act, 1967 and under Rule 12 of Passport Rules, 1980 and also the Gazette Notification issued by the Central Government vide GSR No.570(E), dated 25.08.1993, without reference to the criminal proceedings pending against the petitioners before the concerned Courts, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioners shall submit an undertaking, along with an affidavit affirming that he/she will not leave the country during the pendency of the criminal proceedings, pending against them without permission of the courts having jurisdiction and that he/she will co-operate with concerned trial court in concluding the proceedings.
- (ii) On filing such an undertaking as well as affidavit, the concerned trial court shall issue a certified copy of the same within two (02) weeks.
- (iii) The petitioners shall submit the certified copy of the aforesaid undertaking before the respondent-Passport Officer for issuance of passport or re-issuance or renewal of his/her passport.

(iv) The respondent-Passport Officer shall consider the said application in the light of the observations made by this Court herein as well as the contents of the undertaking given by the petitioners for issuance of passport or re-issuance or renewal of his/her passport in accordance with law, within two (02) weeks from the date of said application.

(v) On renewal of the passport, the petitioners shall deposit the original renewed Passport before the concerned trial court.

(vi) The petitioners shall file an application before the concerned trial Court seeking permission to travel abroad.

(vii) The concerned trial Court shall consider the same, in accordance with law.”

2. Hence, following the said orders, this writ petition is allowed on the same terms.

3. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

Date: 23.04.2026

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