



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

[3329]

MONDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 10985/2026

Between:

1. THE GUNTUR DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION (GDCA),
(REGISTERED SOCIETY NO. 193 OF 1978) REP. BY ITS
SECRETARY SRI YENUMULA SRIDHAR, S/O. VENKATESWARA
RAO, AGED 54 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.18-7-350, FLAT
NO. 202, SUBHAM RESIDENCY, KALYANI ROAD, GUNTUR- 522007,
ANDHRA PRADESH.
2. YENUMULA SRIDHAR,, S/O. VENKATESWARA RAO, AGED 54
YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.18-7-350, FLAT NO. 202,
SUBHAM RESIDENCY, KALYANI ROAD, GUNTUR - 522007,
ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
SERVICES AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI,
AMARAVATI.
2. THE ANDHRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION, REP. BY ITS GENERAL
SECRETARY, ACA ADMIN. OFFICE, KRISHNAVENI SCHOOL
ROAD, PATAMATA, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT - 520 010.
3. THE OMBUDSMAN, ANDHRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION, OFFICE OF
THE OMBUDSMAN, ACA, ACA ADMIN. OFFICE, KRISHNAVENI
SCHOOL ROAD, PATAMATA, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT - 520

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...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 to issue a Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus (a) declaring the inaction on the part of the 2nd respondent/ACA in granting affiliation to the duly elected body of the 1st Petitioner/ GDCA for the tenure 2025-2028 vide election dated 14-07-2025 (b) declaring the appointment/reconstitution of the so-called Three Men Committee by the 2nd respondent/ACA on 28-03-2026 to the 1st petitioner/GDCA as contrary to law, illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and against the principles of natural justice and consequently direct Respondent No.2/ACA to forthwith recognize the duly elected body of the 1st Petitioner/ GDCA for the tenure 2025-2028 vide election dated 14-07-2025 by granting affiliation and further to set-aside appointment/reconstitution of the so-called Three Men Committee by the 2 respondent/ACA on 28-03-2026 to the 1st petitioner/GDCA and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 suspend the appointment/reconstitution of the so-called Three Men Committee by the 2nd respondent/ACA on 28-03- 2026 to the 1st petitioner/GDCA, enabling the elected body of the 1st petitioner/GDCA to manage its affairs and roles of its functioning, pending disposal of the writ petition, and to pass

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 2nd Respondent/ACA, to grant affiliation/recognition to the elected body of the 1st petitioner/GDCA in view of election conducted on 14.07.2025 for the tenure 2025-2028 within a time frame to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court, pending disposal of the writ petition, and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1.P SAI SURYA TEJA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR YOUTH SERVICES

2.N RAVI PRASAD

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India seeking the following reliefs:-

“to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction on the part of the 2nd respondent/ACA in granting affiliation to the duly elected body of the 1st Petitioner/GDCA for the tenure 2025-2028 vide election dated 14.07.2025; (b) declaring the appointment/reconstitution of the so-called Three Men Committee by the 2nd respondent/ACA on 28.03.2026 to the 1st petitioner/GDCA as contrary to law, illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and against the principles of natural justice and consequently direct Respondent No.2/ACA to forthwith recognize the duly elected body of the 1st Petitioner/GDCA for the tenure 2025-2028 vide election dated 14-07-2025 by granting affiliation and further to set-aside appointment/reconstitution of the so-called Three Men Committee by the 2nd respondent/ACA on 28.03.2026 to the 1st petitioner/GDCA and pass such other order.”

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Government Pleader and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners herein submitted a representation on 21.03.2026 after completion of elections of the 1st petitioner association for seeking affiliation with the 2nd respondent association. Considering the representation and request of the petitioners, respondent No.2 issued a letter dated 22.03.2026 directing the 1st petitioner to submit the documents and proof as enumerated. Pursuant to which, the

petitioner No.1 herein submitted explanation and documents whatsoever vide explanation dated 26.03.2026 and also attachments as filed herewith. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that pursuant to the representation of the petitioners, having received the explanation from the petitioner on 26.03.2026, respondent No.2 association neither passed any order nor replied to the petitioner. Hence, the writ petition.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 submits that there is a conflict in respect of management and control of the 1st petitioner association. He further submits that another group filed writ petition claiming same relief of affiliation of the same name of 1st petitioner-association *vide* W.P.No.14400 of 2025. In view of the dispute regarding management and control of the 1st petitioner association, the 2nd respondent not responded to the petitioners' explanation as submitted on 26.03.2026. He further submits that the conflicts between the member and the respondent No.2 including affiliation should be resolved by respondent No.3 herein. Learned counsel appearing in another writ petition i.e., W.P.No.14400 of 2025 submits that the subject writ petition is filed challenging notice as well as appointment of three men committee by respondent No.2. Therefore, the petitioner in subject writ petition is also relevant and necessary

party, if respondent No.2 is taking steps considering the representation of the petitioner, in the present Writ Petition.

5. Heard the learned counsel for all the parties and perused the material placed on record. The fact remains that the 1st petitioner association is one of the affiliated and recognized member of the respondent No.2 State Apex association. The core controversy as contended by the learned counsel for respondent No.2 is that there are two groups, both are claiming as duly elected body of the 1st petitioner association and the other contention is that in view of the disputes between two groups, the respondent No.2 did not exercise its power or obligation as per bylaws to grant affiliation in respect of 1st petitioner association, is not valid and untenable for the reason that the respondent No.2 being an apex body, it shall decide the issue pending before it as per bylaws of the association. Further, being an apex body at the state level, it cannot keep quiet as mute spectator without redressing the grievance of its member. It is further observed that pursuant to the representation of the 1st petitioner-association having called for resubmission of so many documents and proofs, after having received the same, it is the duty cast upon the respondent No.2 to decide the issue either way and inform the same as per the procedure enunciated at bylaws of the association. The whole grievance of the petitioners herein is that, once the respondent No.2 having received the explanation as per its

directions, the respondent No.2 shall dispose of the same in accordance with bylaws of the association. Therefore, on the guise of disputes or controversies between the members of association, the 2nd respondent cannot be permitted to sit over the matter without deciding the issue at its end.

6. In view of the reasons stated above, respondent No.2 herein is directed to consider the explanation dated 26.03.2026 submitted pursuant to the letter addressed by it, within a period of four(4) weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order or whenever governing body meeting of the respondent No.2 is conducting, whichever is earlier.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel miscellaneous application, pending, if any, shall also stand closed.

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