

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATHI

MAIN CASE NO: W.P.No.11179 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

SL. NO.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	24.04.2026	<u>MRK, J</u> 1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the entire crux of the case lies in the non-application of mind by the 2nd respondent while passing the impugned order dated 07.01.2025. 2. According to the learned counsel, despite the specific directions issued by this Court in W.P. No. 22355 of 2025 dated 23.09.2025, the respondents authority failed to comply with the same. This Court had directed the respondents to pass appropriate orders within a period of four weeks. However, the concerned authority neither passed the required orders within the stipulated time nor took any action even after lapse of six months, thereby unduly prolonging the matter. 3. Under these circumstances, the petitioner was constrained to file C.C. No. 1421 of 2026 before this Court, which is presently pending. During the pendency of the said contempt case, the 2nd respondent passed the impugned order vide Letter No. 979332/D11-SSS/2024 dated 17.04.2026, on the erroneous assumption that the petitioner had not submitted an application seeking extension of time for execution of the quarry lease in terms of Rule 12(5)(e) of the	(contd..)

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		Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966. 4. Learned counsel for the petitioner brought to the notice of this Court that, the petitioner had submitted the requisite application dated 06.03.2025 within the stipulated period. In support of the same, relevant documents and records were also placed before this Court. 5. Conversely, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology sought time to get written instructions/counter-affidavit. 6. In light of the above rival submissions, it is evident that the writ petitioner had earlier approached this Court, and specific directions were issued to the respondents to pass orders within a stipulated time. But, it seems the same has not been complied with its true letter and spirit which leads the petitioner to initiate contempt proceedings. During the pendency of the contempt petition, the impugned order came to be passed on the main ground that beyond the period. However, petitioner vehemently asserted that it will within the time period as per Rule 12 (5)(e) of A.P. Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 by relying upon Ex.P3 dt:06.03.2025. Hence, it requires consideration. 7. Hence, in view of above facts and circumstances, there shall be interim suspension	(contd..)

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		of Letter No.979332/D11-SSS/2024 dt:17.04.2026 of the 2nd respondent for a period of six (06) weeks only. 8. The respondents are directed to file their counters in the lis. 9. List on 17.06.2026. <u>MRK, J</u> RMR	

