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

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF APRIL,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 11179 OF 2026

Between:

Buddineni Rohan, S/o B. Chakradhar Rao Aged 30 years, Occ
Business, R/o. 1-10, Eligaid Mandal, Doolikatta, Karimnagar - 505 525.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology, Secretariat Buildings, Velgapudi, Guntur District-522238
2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District-521456
3. The District Mines and Geology officer, Puttaparthi, Sri Satya Sai District-515134

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 declaring the impugned order of the 2nd respondent vide letter no. 979332/D11-SSS/2024, dt. 17.04.2026 in refusing for extension of time for execution of transfer of quarry lease deed by rejecting the petitioner application dt. 06.03.2025 filed within time as stipulated under rule 12 (5)(e) APMMC 1966, as illegal, arbitrary violative of article 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and

consequently set aside the aforesaid impugned orders of the 2nd respondent with a direction to execute the transfer of quarry lease deed in favour of the petitioner;

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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 2nd respondent to forthwith execute the transfer of quarry lease deed in favor of the petitioner in pursuance to the transfer of the quarry lease order vide proceeding No.97933321/D11-SSS/2024 dt.07.01.2025 by suspending the impugned orders of the 2nd respondent vide letter no. 979332/D11-SSS/2024, dt. 17.04.2026;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. K RATHANGA PANI REDDY, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY for the Respondents;

The Court made the following ORDER:

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 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/counteraffidavit.

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 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.

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SD/- N.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velgapudi, Guntur District-522238.
(by SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District-521456
3. The District Mines and Geology officer, Puttaparthi, Sri Satya Sai District-515134. (Addressee Nos. 2 & 3 BY RPAD)
4. One CC to Sri. K RATHANGA PANI REDDY, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
6. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

MRK, J

DATED:24/04/2026

LIST ON 17.06.2026.

ORDER

WP.No.11179 of 2026



INTERIM SUSPENSION