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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3329]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

FRIDAY, THE 10th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU
NIMMAGADDA**

WRIT PETITION NO: 12376/2026

Between:

1.VADDAMANI RAJA SEKHAR REDDY,, S/O.MALLA REDDY,
AGE 53 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURE AND PROPERTIES,
R/O. T. CHERULOPALLI, SANTHAKOVVURU VILLAGE,
THONDURU MANDAL, YSR.KADAPA DISTRICT, AP-516001.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE UNION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINISTRY OF POWER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.110030.
- 2.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPLE
SECRETARY, ENERGY DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT,AP-
522238.
- 3.THE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA
PRADESH, REP. BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING
DIRECTOR, GUNADALA, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT-AP-
520004
- 4.THE ANANTAPUR II REZ TRANSMISSION LIMITED, 2ND
FLOOR, D.NO.6-193, KALYANADURGAM ROAD, GANESHA
NAGAR HOUSING BOARD COLONY, PILLIGUNDIA,
ANANTHAPUR, A.P. REP. BY ITS AUTHORISED PERSON SRI
VIKAS KUMAR GUPTA., 515001
- 5.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, NEW COLLECTORATE,
Y.S.R.KADAPA DISTRICT-AP-516001

...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, direction
or order more particularly one in the nature of Mandamus declaring

that the actions of the respondents 3 to 5 in proposed for Anantapur to Cuddapah 765 KV D/C Transmission line Project for laying of Interstate electricity distribution power lines and assessment of right of way damage and compensation and during the construction of the said transmission lines will pass through the agriculture land and standing crop in an extent of Ac.7-48cts in Sy.No.743/2, Santha kovvuru village, Thonduru mandal, YSR Cuddapah, A.P. belongs to the petitioner vide its intimation/information letter dated 02-07-2025 without following the due process of law is arbitrary, illegal, unjust and contrary to the Electricity Act, rules made there under and Telegraphic Act and Works for licence rules and in sheer violation of principles of natural justice and contrary to the circular/letter 14-06-2024 and supplementary guidelines dated 21-03-2025 issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India and also GO.RT.No.83 (E, I and I) Department dated 20-06- 2016 and in violation of Articles 14, 21, and 300A of the Constitution of India in the interests of justice

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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 stay all further proceedings in pursuance of the notice dated 02-07-2025 issued by the 4th respondent including dispossession of the petitioner from his land of an extent of AC.7.4800cts. In Sy.No.743-2, situated in Satakovvuru village, Thonduru mandal, kadapa district without conducting enquiry and fixing the compensation considering my objections and representations in the interests of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. P A SESHU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. D S SIVADARSHAN

2. GP FOR ENERGY

3. GP FOR REVENUE

4..

5. V V SATISH

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, claiming the following relief:

“To issue Writ of Mandamus declaring that the actions of the respondents 3 to 5 in proposed for Anantapur to Cuddapah 765 KV D/C Transmission line Project for laying of Interstate electricity distribution power lines and assessment of right of way damage and compensation and during the construction of the said transmission lines will pass through the agriculture land and standing crop in an extent of Ac.7-48cts in Sy.No.743/2 Santha kovvuru village, Thonduru mandal, YSR Cuddapah A P belongs to the petitioner vide its intimation/information letter dated 02.07.2025 without following the due process of law is arbitrary illegal unjust and contrary to the Electricity Act rules made there under and Telegraphic Act and Works for licence rules and in sheer violation of principles of natural justice and contrary to the circular/letter 14062024 and supplementary guidelines dated 21.03.2025 issued by the Ministry of Power Government of India and also G.O.Rt No.83 E-I and I Department dated 20.06.2016

and in violation of Articles 14, 21 and 300A of the Constitution of India”

2. The petitioner submits that Respondent Nos. 3 to 5 are proposing to lay the Anantapur–Cuddapah 765 KV High Tension Transmission Line through the petitioner's agricultural land measuring Ac. 7.48 cents in Sy. No. 743-2, situated at Satakovvuru Village, Thonduru Mandal, Kadapa District.

3. During hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents are proceeding with the project without following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Respondent No.1 through Memo dated 14.06.2024. According to the SOP, the respondents are required to follow the procedure prescribed in Annexure-III of the said Memorandum. It is also submitted that compensation for any damage caused to the petitioner's land must be determined and paid in accordance with the said guidelines. Since the respondents have not followed the prescribed procedure, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. Learned counsel for Respondent Nos. 2 and 3 submits that the project has not yet commenced on the ground. At present, only the project notification has been issued, and the affected villages and

survey numbers have been identified. The exact locations within each survey number are yet to be finalized. Notices were issued to all affected landowners on 02.07.2025 in compliance with the SOP, and the petitioner was also informed that his land in Sy. No. 743-2 of Satakovvuru Village falls within the proposed project area.

5. It is further submitted that, under the scheme, Respondent No. 5 will determine the compensation based on the market value of the land. After such determination, Respondent No. 4 will deposit the compensation amount, which will then be paid to the affected landowners. If any landowner is dissatisfied with the compensation fixed by Respondent Nos. 4 or 5, such determination can be challenged before the competent District Judge. It is also stated that Respondent No. 4, being a public authority, will strictly follow the SOP and ensure that all the prescribed steps would be complied with, in accordance with law.

6. Heard the learned counsel for both sides and perused the material available on record.

7. In view of the submissions made by both sides and having regard to the SOP Guidelines, this Court is of the opinion that this writ petition can be disposed of by directing Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to

strictly follow the applicable SOP and any other guidelines issued by the State Government while determining and paying compensation to the affected landowners, including the petitioner. Further, if the respondents received any objection the same should be considered and passed orders and communicate the same to the concerned person.

8. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

9. Consequently, miscellaneous applications pending if any, shall also stand dismissed.

JUSTICE VENKATESWARULU NIMMAGADDA

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