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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

THURSDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 13086 OF 2026

Between:

Shri M Ranga Raju, S/o Krishnam Raju, Age 50 years, Flat No. 213, Vani
Apartment, Near Daralamma Temple, S Annavaram Tuni, Kakinada
District

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Industries and Commerce (Mines) - cum- Revision Authority Department, Block-III, Velagapudi, AP Secretariat, Amaravati.-522237
2. The Commissioner and Director of Mines and Geology, 5th and 6th Floors, Sri Anjaneya Towers, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District - 521456
3. The Divisional Mines and Geology Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District - 533 446.

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 a Writ of MANDAMUS or any other appropriate order or direction (i) declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in Proc. No. 30105/D3/2017, dated, 04-04-2025 revoking the Letter of Intent (LoI) issued in favour of the W Petitioner and the consequential order passed by the Revision authority in Memo No. 1694/M.I(2)/2025 (3179410) dated 13-03-2026 dismissing the Revision filed by Petitioner under Rule 35-A of the APMMC Rules, 1966 as illegal, arbitrary, bereft of reasons, colourable exercise of powers, violative of principles of natural justice and contrary to law and

Judgement of this Hon'ble Court in W P No. 3755 of 2017, dated 18-03-2026, infringement of fundamental rights guaranteed under Art. 14,19,21 and 300-A of Constitution of India and consequently call for records and set aside the same,

(ii) Direct the Respondents to restore the Letter of Intent issued in favour of the Petitioner and grant reasonable time to comply with conditions (iii) Direct the Respondents not to process any third-party application in respect of the subject land on which Lol is issued

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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 suspend the operation of the impugned orders dated 04-04-2025 and 13 - 03-2026 and restrain the Respondents from granting any mining lease in favour of third parties in respect of the subject land on which Lol is issued in the interest of justice., Pending disposal of WP 13086 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI G RAJA BABU Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY Advocate for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

“When the matter is taken up for hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in identical facts and circumstances, petitioner filed W.P.No.9652 of 2026 before this Court, wherein this Court after hearing the respective parties, passed interim order for a limited period.

2. On the other hand, the learned Government Pleader for Mines & Geology not disputed about passing of interim order in W.P.No.9652 of 2026. However, he states that in view of peculiar facts and circumstances involved in the lis, he will file detailed counter asserting his version.

3. In the light of the interim order dated 29.04.2026 in W.P.No.9652 of 2026, in similar lines, the respondents are directed not to grant any third party interest or rights over the subject land of an extent of 8.194 hectares in Sy.No.235 (P)(Carved from Old Sy.No.1) of Cheedika Village, Nakkapalli (Erstwhile Visakhapatnam District) for a period of eight (08) Mandal, Anakapalli District weeks from today.

4. Meanwhile, respondents are directed to file their respective counters in the lis.

5. Post immediately after Summer Vacation 2026 along with W.P. No. 9652 of 2026.”

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SD/- U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

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4. One CC to SRI. G RAJA BABU 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: 07/05/2026

POST IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUMMER VACATION 2026 ALONG WITH
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ORDER

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DIRECTION

