

Sl.No.04

APHC010246852026



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

[3332]

THURSDAY, THE 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 13059/2026

Between:

Union Bank Of India,

...PETITIONER

AND

The Union Of India and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.RANGA SURYA PRAKASH RAO KOLA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.S SATYANARAYANA MOORTHY

2.P RAJASEKHAR

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The Court made the following:

INTERIM ORDER:

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the impugned orders dated 31.03.2026 are issued by the respondent declaring the petitioner as deemed defaulter under the provisions of ESI Act, 1948 and directing the 4th respondent to remit an amount of Rs.20,05,278/- from the petitioner bank account on the ground that one M/s Srinivasa

Electrical Contractors failed to pay arrears with the Employees State Insurance Corporation as they have failed to pay the said amount the Corporation invoking the provisions of ESI Act, 1948, directed the petitioner bank to remit the amount fell due by Srinivasa Electrical Contracts to the Corporation. As the Garnishee has not obliged or complied, an order dated 31.03.2026 came to be passed and a direction was given to the Reserve Bank of India to remit the amount of Rs.20,05,278/-. It is the contention of the petitioner that the account holder of M/s Srinivasa Electrical Contractors had Rs.3,04,201.09/- as on 10.04.2026, as such, the bank would be liable to that extent of amount only but not to the tune of Rs.20,05,278/-, as such, prayed to pass appropriate orders.

Perused the record.

Prima facie, a point has been made out for consideration, as such, this Court is inclined to pass the following interim order:

“There shall be stay of all further proceedings pursuant to the orders dated 31.03.2026, pending further orders.

The petitioner-bank shall hold/freeze the amount to a tune of Rs.3,04,201.09/- which is lying with them with regard to M/s Srinivasa Electrical Contractors.”

For counters, post on 03.09.2026.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

Date: 06th August, 2026

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