

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE: **Writ Petition No.13241 of 2026**

PROCEEDING SHEET

SL. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
2.	24.6.2026	<u>RNT, J & SS, J</u> Sri R.V.S.N.Varma, learned Assistant Government Pleader attached to the office of the learned Advocate General, appears for respondent Nos.1 to 4, and prays for further time to file counter affidavit. 2. On 06.05.2026, this Court granted time to the respondent Nos.1 to 4 to file counter affidavit .No counter affidavit has been filed. 3. In <i>Habeas Corpus</i> petitions involving challenges to preventive detention orders, expeditious consideration is required, as the issues directly concern the fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution of India. Any undue delay in filing counter affidavit reflects on delay in determination. 4. This Court has repeatedly noticed that in a large number of matters concerning preventive detention being listed before this Court, counter affidavits are not being filed within the time granted by the Court. Such delays impede the expeditious disposal of <i>Habeas Corpus</i> petitions and adversely affect the valuable right to life and personal liberty of the detenues. The State is expected to act with utmost promptitude in such matters and ensure that counter	(cont.)

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		affidavits are filed positively within the time granted by the Court. 5. As a last opportunity, for filing the counter affidavit, list the matter on 08.07.2026. 6. If the counter affidavit is not filed within the time stipulated above, respondent No.1 – the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, shall appear before this Court to explain the reasons for non-compliance with the orders of this Court. 7. Let a copy of this order be sent to the learned Advocate General, so also to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat. _____ RNT, J _____ SS, J RPD	

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