



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

[3573]

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BALAJI MEDAMALLI

WRIT PETITION NO: 13930/2026

Between:

1. DAYALA AJAY NAIDU, S/O. VIJAYA NAIDU, AGED 32 YEARS, OCC SECRETARY, HOLY ZION CSI CHURCH, BAPULAPADU, R/O. D. NO. 4-167, KS TALKIES ROAD, BAPULAPADU MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.
2. KHAMBHARP NAVEEN BABU,, S/O. KAMBHAM VIJAYA BABU AGED 36 YARS, OCCTREASURER, HOLY ZION CSI CHURCH BAPULAPADU R/O. D. NO. 4-167, KS TALKIES ROAD, BAPULAPADU MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522238
2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-522502
3. 3 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, KRISHNA DISTRICT, MACHILIPATNAM-521001
4. 4 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, THE HANUMAN JUNCTION POLICE STATION, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521301 MANDAL HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521105.
5. THE HOLY ZION CSI, CHURCH REP BY ITS PRIEST, BAPULAPADU VILLAGE AND MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION KRISHNA

DISTRICT-521105

6. DASARI VENKATA KRISHNA RAO, S/O. VENKATA RATNAM, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/O D.NO 3-113, NEAR KARUNYA CHURCH, BAPULAPADU VILLAGE
7. DAYALA SRINIVASA RAO, S/O ADAM, AGED 54 YEARS, R/O D.NO 4-147, K S TALKIES ROAD BAPULAPADU VILLAGE MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521105.
8. KODURI JOHN RATNAM, S/O PRABHUDAS, AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, R/O D.NO 3-66, K S TALKIES ROAD, BAPULAPADU VILLAGE MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521105.
9. KODURI SUREKHA RANI, W/O JOHN RATNAM, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/O D.NO 3-66, K S TALKIES ROAD, BAPULAPADU VILLAGE MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521105.
10. DASARI SUJATHA, W/O DASARI VENKATA KRISHNA RAO, AGED 53 YEARS, R/O D. NO. 3-113, NEAR KARUNYA CHURCH, BAPULAPADU VILLAGE MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.
11. POTHURAJU VIJAYA KUMARI, W/O RAMAYYA (LATE), AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, R/O D.NO3-74/1, K.S TALKIES ROAD, BAPULAPADU VILLAGE MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521105.
12. REMAIN PAUL JEEVA RATNAM, S/O YOHANU, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, D.NO 4-140/B, K.S TALKIES ROAD BAPULAPADU VILLAGE MANDAL, HANUMAN JUNCTION, KRISHNA DISTRICT-521105

...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 to issue a Writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondent No. 4 / Station House Officer in not taking action on the Petitioners Representation/Report dated 04.05.2026 submitted for taking necessary action against the Respondent No. 6 to 12 as illegal, arbitrary, capricious and contrary to the provisions of BNSS and violation of the fundamental rights guaranteed under

the Articles 14, 21, 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 4th respondent to take necessary action on the Petitioners Representation/Report dated 04.05.2026 and pass

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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 direct the Respondent No. 4/ Station House Officer to Provide Police Protection by considering the Petitioner's Representation/Report dated 04.05.2026 pending disposal of the above writ petition in the interest of justice and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. PENUMAKA VENKATA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BALAJI MEDAMALLI**WRIT PETITION NO: 13930 of 2026****ORDER:**

The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following relief:

“...to issue a Writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondent No. 4 / Station House Officer in not taking action on the Petitioners Representation/Report dated 04.05.2026 submitted for taking necessary action against the Respondent No. 6 to 12 as illegal, arbitrary, capricious and contrary to the provisions of BNSS and violation of the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Articles 14, 21, 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 4th respondent to take necessary action on the Petitioners Representation/Report dated 04.05.2026 ...”

2. Heard Mr. Penumaka Venkata Rao, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. P. Ajay Babu, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home.

3. Mr. Penumaka Venkata Rao, learned counsel for the Petitioners, submits that the Petitioners filed a Representation dated 04.05.2026 before the Station House Officer, Hanuman Junction Police Station, Krishna District, alleging that a group of outsiders and non-church members entered the church premises on 26.04.2026 and 03.05.2026 and created disturbance in the Church Administration, and claimed authority over the said Church. The Petitioners asserts that they are the elected members of the Triennium Committee (2025–2028) and that disputes have arisen regarding transfer of Church Administration and Committee Control. It is alleged that the said group forcibly took charge of the Church, attempted to enter the premises and threatened the Petitioners with dire consequences. As such, the Petitioners

sought police intervention to safeguard the rights of the elected Church Committee. Hence, the Writ Petition.

4. Mr. P. Ajay Babu, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, on written instructions, submits that the representation dated 04.05.2026 was duly entered in the Station General Diary and upon enquiry, it was found that the grievance relates to Church Administration and Committee Control. A civil Suit vide O.S.No.139 of 2026 is pending on the file of the learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Nuzvid, seeking permanent injunction restraining Respondents Nos.6 to 9, 11 and 12 from obstructing the plaintiff in attending the Holy Zion Church at Bapulapadu. Since the dispute pertains to Church Administration, which is civil in nature, and as the issue is pending adjudication before the competent Civil Court, the police expressed their inability to take further action in that regard.

5. However, learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that interference by Respondents, who are non-church members, is creating a law and order problem in the locality.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in the event of any law and order problem, the Respondent Police are directed to initiate appropriate action to deal with the situation, if any cognizable offence is committed by any of the members or groups, and it is left open to the Police to take appropriate legal action, in accordance with the law, with a view to maintain public peace and tranquillity in the said locality.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, interlocutory applications, if any, pending shall stand closed.

JUSTICE BALAJI MEDAMALLI

Date: 22.05.2026
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