



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



WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

WRIT PETITION NO: 14077 OF 2025

Between:

1. P Ravi Kumar, S/o Desikacharyulu Aged about 55yrs Occ Archaka in Bolikonda Ranganadha Swamy Temple R/o Tondapadu village, Gooty mandal Anantapur District
2. P. Uday Kumar, S/o Late P. Thimmaiah Babu Aged about 28yrs, Occ Archaka in Bolikonda Ranganadha Swamy Temple R/o Tondapadu village, Gooty mandal Anantapur District
3. P. Naveen Kumar, S/o Late P. Thimmaiah Babu Aged about 30yrs, Occ Archaka in Bolikonda Ranganadha Swamy Temple R/o Tondapadu village, Gooty mandal Anantapur District

...Petitioners

AND

1. The Station House Officer, Gooty police station Gooty, Anantapuramu District
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Guntakal, Anantapuramu District
3. The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur, Anantapuramu District
4. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
5. Sri Bolikonda Ranganadha Swamy Devasthanam, Tondapadu village, Gooty mandal Anantapur District Rept. By its Executive Officer

6. Parthasaradhi, S/o Lakshminarayanayya Aged about 72yrs C/o Venkata Rangaiah Jakkalacheruvu village, Gooty mandal Anantapuramu District
7. Venkata Rangaiah, S/o Yati Rajulu Aged about 58yrs R/o Jakkalacheruvu village, Gooty mandal Anantapuramu District
8. Venkata Ramana, S/o Venkata Narasimhaiah Aged about 50yrs R/o Thimmalacheruvu village Tadipathri mandal Anantapuramu District

...Respondents

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 one in the nature of writ of Mandamus to declare the delay and inaction on the part of the respondent Nos.1 and 2 in providing necessary police aid to the petitioners preventing the respondent Nos.6 to 8 from causing obstruction to the petitioners at the time of performing archakatwam in the 5th respondent temple as per their term schedule as arbitrary, illegal and violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent Nos.1 and 2 to provide necessary police aid to the petitioners while the petitioners are performing archakatwam in the 5th respondent temple as per their term schedule in the interest 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 direct the respondent Nos.1 and 2 to provide necessary police aid to the petitioners while the petitioners are performing archakatwam in the 5th respondent temple as per their term schedule pending disposal of the writ petition in the interest of justice.



Counsel for the Petitioners: SRI P NAGENDRA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4: GP FOR HOME

Counsel for the Respondent No.5: GP FOR ENDOWMENTS

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.6 to 8: NONE APPEARED

The Court made the following order:



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TEMPLE R/O TONDAPADU VILLAGE, GOOTY MANDAL
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3. P. NAVEEN KUMAR, S/O LATE P. THIMMAIAH BABU AGED ABOUT
30YRS, OCC ARCHAKA IN BOLIKONDA RANGANADHA SWAMY
TEMPLE R/O TONDAPADU VILLAGE, GOOTY MANDAL
ANANTAPUR DISTRICT

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, GOOTY POLICE STATION
GOOTY, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT
2. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, GUNTAKAL,
ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT
3. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, ANANTAPUR,
ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT
4. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
5. SRI BOLIKONDA RANGANADHA SWAMY DEVASTHANAM,
TONDAPADU VILLAGE, GOOTY MANDAL ANANTAPUR DISTRICT
REPT. BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6. PARTHASARADHI, S/O LAKSHMINARAYANAYYA AGED ABOUT
72YRS C/O VENKATA RANGAIAH JAKKALACHERUVU VILLAGE,
GOOTY MANDAL ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT
7. VENKATA RANGAIAH, S/O YATI RAJULU AGED ABOUT 58YRS R/O
JAKKALACHERUVU VILLAGE, GOOTY MANDAL ANANTAPURAMU
DISTRICT
8. VENKATA RAMANA, S/O VENKATA NARASIMHAIAH AGED ABOUT

50YRS R/O THIMMALACHERUVU VILLAGE TADIPATHRI MANDAL
ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1.P NAGENDRA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR HOME

2.GP FOR ENDOWMENTS

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India with the following prayer for:

".... a Writ of Mandamus to declare the delay and inaction on the part of the respondent Nos.1 and 2 in providing necessary police aid to the petitioners preventing the respondent Nos.6 to 8 from causing obstruction to the petitioners at the time of performing archakatvam in the 5th respondent temple as per their term schedule as arbitrary, illegal and violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent Nos.1 and 2 to provide necessary police aid to the petitioners while the petitioners are performing archakatvam in the 5th respondent temple as per their term schedule in the interest of justice."

2. Sri P.Nagendra Reddy, learned counsel for the Petitioners would submit that, Archakatvam of the Petitioners in the subject temple is on turn basis and Respondent Nos.6 to 8 are behaving highhandedly and causing obstruction while the Petitioners are performing their Archakatvam and the same was admitted by the Executive Officer of the subject temple vide Letter dated 14.12.2023 addressed to the Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, Multi Zone-II, Tirupati. Learned counsel would further submit that, Police may be directed to provide protection to them.

3. Sri Md.Farooq, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, on written instructions, would submit that on receipt of the representation dated 07.05.2025 from the Petitioners, the Police advised the Petitioners to approach the Endowments Department for protection. Since it is a civil matter, the Police have not interfered in the matter.

4. Considering the submissions made, the Writ Petition is disposed of. However, in the light of the Letter dated 14.12.2023 addressed by the Executive Officer of the subject temple to the Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, the Police are directed to look into the representation of the Petitioners and take appropriate steps according to the governing rules and law. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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Sd/- N NAGAMMA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Station House Officer, Gooty police station Gooty, Anantapuramu District
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Guntakal, Anantapuramu District
3. The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur, Anantapuramu District
4. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
5. The Executive Officer, Sri Bolikonda Ranganadha Swamy Devasthanam, Tondapadu village, Gooty mandal Anantapur District.
6. One CC to Sri. P Nagendra Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP For Home, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
8. Two CCs to GP For Endowments, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
9. Two CD Copies.

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HIGH COURT

DATED:06/08/2025

ORDER
WP NO. 14077 OF 2025



DISPOSING OF THE W.P. WITHOUT COSTS