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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

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

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE TUHIN KUMAR GEDELA

WRIT PETITION NO: 14475 OF 2026



**Between:**

D.Venkata Ramana Sai Kumar, S/o. D. Puma Chandra Rao, Age 65 years, Occ: Business, R/o. 59-10-6/1, Gadde Gopalakrishnayya Street, Gayathri Nagar, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520010.

**Petitioners**

**AND**

1. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Rep. by its Municipal Commissioner, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520001.
2. The Executive Engineer-III, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520001.
3. The Divisional Engineer-III, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520001

**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 or order, orders or directions more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in illegally disconnecting and removing the municipal water tap connection provided to my premises bearing Door No. 59-10-6/1, Gayatri Nagar, Vijayawada without notice and in failing to consider my representation dated 10-03-2026 as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violation of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to restore the water tap connection forthwith.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2026**

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to forthwith restore the municipal water supply for water connection to the petitioner's premises bearing Door No. 59-10-6/1, Gayatri Nagar, Vijayawada, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 10-03-2026, Pending disposal of WP 14475 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 Dr KRISHNA PRASANNA VIATLA, Advocate for the Petitioner, Sri S.V.S.S.SIVA RAM, Standing Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3, the Court made the following

**ORDER:**

Heard Dr.Krishna Prasanna Viatla, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri G.Sai, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development.

Aggrieved by the action of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent in removing the municipal water tap connection provided to the petitioner's premises bearing Door No.59-10- 6/1, Gayatri Nagar, Vijayawada, without issuing any notice and without considering the representation, dated 10.03.2026, the present Writ Petition is filed, contending that the said action is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

Going through the averments made in the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition, the petitioner contends that he is the absolute owner of the subject property, which was acquired by his father through a registered sale deed bearing Document No.5320/1991, dated 05.10.1991, and since then they have been paying property taxes and municipal charges regularly.

It is further brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner has preferred C.R.P.No.2895 of 2025 and the same is pending adjudication. The said C.R.P. is filed against the order, dated 11.08.2025, in C.M.A.No.11 of 2021 on the file of the Principal Junior Civil Judge Court, Vijayawada. It clearly reflects that the petitioner herein could not secure positive orders before both the Courts, but it is sufficient to indicate that there exists a dispute between the family members. Be that as it may, the removal of the water supply connection will hamper the very rights of the petitioner embodied under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India. The recent pronouncements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court categorically affirm that even disconnection or removal of water supply would infringe such rights.

On the other hand, the learned counsel representing the respondents submits that the authorities have not disconnected the water supply. However, he contends that the petitioner has applied for a fresh water supply connection. Though there is no date mentioned on the said application, since the learned counsel for the respondents himself states that an application afresh has been submitted, the respondents are directed to forthwith look into the said application and consider restoration of the water supply, which was disconnected on 05.03.2026.

It is also pointed out by the learned counsel for the respondents that the charges, if any, for the new connection shall be borne by the petitioner.

List the matter after Summer Vacation, 2026.

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SD/- U.SRIDEVI  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR  
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Municipal Commissioner, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520001.
2. The Municipal Corporation, Executive Engineer-III, Vijayawada Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520001.
3. The Divisional Engineer-III, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520001 (Addressee Nos.1 to 3 by SPEED POST)
4. One CC to SRI. Dr KRISHNA PRASANNA VIATLA Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMN URBAN DEV ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
6. One CC to Sri S.V.S.S.SIVA RAM, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
7. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

GTK,J

DATED:15/05/2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

