

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

THURSDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI
WRIT PETITION NO: 15258 OF 2026



Between:

Chinnam Vijaya Rathna Kanth, S/o Chinnam Bhaktanadha Sarkar, Aged about 49 years, Occ Private Employee, R/o 76-51-102/5, Old MIG, H.B. Colony, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-520012

...Petitioner

AND

1. India Post Payments Bank Limited, Rep. by its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Office, Speed Post Centre Building, Bhai Veer Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110001.
2. The Chief Postmaster General, Andhra Pradesh Circle, Vijayawada - 520013, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Superintendent of Post Offices, Vijayawada Division, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Post Master, Head Post Office, Near Kaleswara Rao Market, One Town, Vijayawada - 520001, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.
5. Chinnam Nireekshana Rao, S/o Chinnam Bhaktanadha Sarkar, Aged about 48 years, R/o. 76-8-1/4-2, Telephone Colony, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada, NTR Distriet, Andhra Pradesh- 520012.

..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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of respondents 4

in refusing to receive and consider the representations submitted by the petitioner seeking protection of the deposits and savings standing in the name of late Smt. Chinnam Evelyn Sowjanya and in permitting further disbursement of the said amounts exclusively on the basis of nomination in favour of the 5th respondent, who is suffering from schizophrenia and is incapable of properly safeguarding the estate, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct respondents 1 to 4 not to permit any further withdrawal, transfer, closure, encashment or disbursement of any amount standing in the name of late Smt. Chinnam Evelyn Sowjanya until the rights of the legal heirs are duly determined, and pass such

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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 Respondents 1 to 4 not to permit any further withdrawal, release, transfer, closure, settlement, premature encashment or disbursement of any amount lying in the Savings Accounts, India Post Payments Bank Accounts, Time Deposits, Recurring Deposits, Monthly Income Scheme Accounts, National Savings Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras or any other postal savings and investment schemes standing in the name of late Smt. Chinnam Evelyn Sowjanya, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition, and pass such, Pending disposal of WP 15258 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of P RAMA SHARANA SHARMA Advocate for the Petitioner, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA Advocate for the Respondent no 1, SRI. KISHORE VANGARA Advocate for the Respondent no 5, and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Sri T.Niranjan, learned Deputy Solicitor General on written instructions, would submit that the 5th respondent was appointed as

nominee and hence, the postal authorities prepared a cheque in the name of the 5th respondent.

Sri Kishore Vangara, learned counsel would submit that he filed vakalat on behalf of the 5th respondent today.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the 5th respondent was admitted in the hospital and he is not mentally sound.

In the given facts and circumstances of the case, the respondents 1 to 4 shall not release the amount either to the petitioner or to the 5th respondent for a period of three (03) weeks.

List this matter on 09.07.2026.

SD/- K.R.V.S.SUBHRAHMANYAM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

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6. One CC to SRI. P RAMA SHARANA SHARMA Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to SRI. KISHORE VANGARA Advocate [OPUC]
8. One CC to SRI. DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA Advocate [OPUC]
9. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

SRS,J

DATED:11.06.2026

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