

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No. Writ Petition No.16056 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	22.06.2026	<u>SRK, J</u> Heard. The present Writ Petition has been filed questioning the action of Respondent No.5, who, allegedly with the assistance of anti-social elements, removed the fully grown trees situated on the tank bed, tank bund, and Hindu burial ground in Eudumudi Village, Nagulapalem Mandal, Prakasam District, and disposed of the same for personal gain, thereby causing loss to public property, environmental degradation, and serious prejudice to the ecological balance. A perusal of the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition reveals that the said trees are more than 40 years old and serve vital ecological functions, including groundwater conservation and maintenance of environmental equilibrium. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for Respondent No.5 submits that the trees were cut at the instance of certain villagers. Even assuming the said submission to be true, the respondent authorities are expected to take appropriate action against persons indulging in the illegal felling of fully grown trees, which results in serious environmental consequences and adversely affects the ecological balance. Inaction on the part of the respondent authorities	

in such circumstances raises serious concerns regarding the discharge of their statutory obligations.

In view of the above, there shall be a direction to the respondent authorities to maintain *status-quo* with regard to the subject property involved in the Writ Petition until the next date of hearing.

Post the matter after three (3) weeks.

In the meantime, the respondent authorities shall file their counter-affidavits, if any.

SRK, J

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