

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

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO

: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE R RAGHUNANDAN RAO

WRIT PETITION NO: 17765 OF 2022

Between:

T Ravichandran, S/o. Late A. Thangaraj, aged 46 years, residing at 17-6, 3rd Street, Thirunagar, Koilpatti, Tutucorn Dist, Tamilnadu,

Petitioner

AND

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, represented by it's Principal Secretary Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, A.P.
2. Director of Mines and Geology (FAC), Department of Mines and Geology, Anjeneya Tower, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
3. Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Chittoor, (A.P.)

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 declaring the inaction of Respondents 2 and 3 in processing quarry lease application made by me for colour granite over an extent of 4.00 Hectares in Sy.No. 6 of Eswarapuram Village, Puttur Mandal, Chittoor District in Quarry Lease application dated 19.02.2010 in ADM&G, Chittoor file No. 1024/Q1/2010 dt. 19.02.2010 in spite of receipt of all clearances is bad in law, illegal, arbitrary, not in accordance with 'Time lines' provided for processing of Quarry Lease applications for Minor Minerals framed by Government of Andhra Pradesh by exercising power under section 15 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act and under A.P. Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 is arbitrary, contrary to A.P. Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and for consequential direction to direct the respondents to process quarry lease application made by me for colour granite over an extent of 4.00 Hectares in Sy.No. 6 of Eswarapuram Village, Puttur Mandal, Chittoor District in Quarry Lease application dated 19.02.2010 in ADM& G, Chittoor file No. 1024/Q1/2010 dt. 19.02.2010 in accordance with 'Time lines' provided for processing of Quarry Lease applications for Minor Minerals 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 may be pleased to direct the respondent authorities forthwith take steps pursuant to the proceedings in Memo No. 14502/R5 - 1/2017, dt. 05-11-2019 issued by Addl. Director of Mines and Geology directing the 3rd respondent to send comprehensive combined proposals on quarry lease application for colour granite over an extent of 4.00 Hectares in Sy.No. 6 of Eswarapuram Village, Puttur Mandal, Chittoor District in Quarry Lease application dated 19.02.2010 in ADM& G, Chittoor file No. 1024/Q1/2010 dt. 19.02.2010 received on the Survey No.6 of Eswarapuram Village, Puttur Mandal, Chittoor District, in consultation with the Commissioner, Puttur Municipality for taking further action in the matter, pending disposal of WP 17765 of 2022, 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 M/s. D Neeharika Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Mines and Geology for the Respondents, the Court made the following.

ORDER

"In similar matters, this Court by an order dated 24.06.2022 in W.P.No.14827 of 2022 and Batch had directed the matters to be placed before Division Bench for obtaining orders of the Hon'ble The Chief Justice.

Registry is directed to place the bundle before the Hon'ble The Chief Justice for appropriate directions.

In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner."

Sd/- K. SRINIVASA RAJU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, A.P.
2. Director of Mines and Geology (FAC), Department of Mines and Geology, Anjeneya Tower, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh
3. Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Chittoor, (A.P.) (1 to 3 by RPAD)
4. One CC to M/s. D Neeharika Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP for Mines and Geology, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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DATED:28/06/2022

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DIRECTION

