



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

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MONDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 15378/2025

Between:

1. RAMISETTY SATYA NARAYANA, S/O. RAMA RAO, AGED 50 YEARS, OCC FAIR PRICE SHOP DEALER, SHOP NO. 15, R/O. H. NO. 3-135, YERRAVARAM VILLAGE, YELESWARAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF AP, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

2. THE COMMISSIONER CIVIL SUPPLIES, AP STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD, D. NO. 10-152/1, CIVIL SUPPLIES BHAVAN, 3RD FLOOR, SRI SAI TOWERS, BESIDE SIRIS COMPANY, KANURU, VIJAYAWADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT - 520007.

3. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, PEDDAPURAM, KAKINADA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

4. THE TAHSILDAR, YELESWARAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 topleased to issue a Writ or Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents mot e particularly the 3rd respondent in issuing proceedings as well as a non-speaking order in Reference No. Nil/2025 dated Nil/06/2025 dated 16.06.2025 in suspending the license of the petitioner in consonance with the show cause notice dated 09.06.2025 in Ref.A/555/2025 without considering the response made by the petitioner dated 18.06.2025 though the impugned order passed after receipt of the same but mentioning the date as 16.06.2025 as illegal, arbitrary and also oppose to all canons of justice as well as oppose to principles of natural justice consequentially suspend the operation of the proceedings dated 16.06.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent in consonance with the show cause notice dated 09.06.2025 in Ref.A/555/2025 by supplying the commodities to the petitioner forthwith and to pass

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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 pleased to suspend the operation of the 16.06.2025proceedings dated issued by the 3rd respondent in consonance with the show cause notice dated 09.06.2025 in Ref.A555/2025 by supplying the commodities to the petitioner forthwith pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.V SAI KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR REVENUE

2.GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

Questioning the proceedings dated 16.06.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent *vide* Ref:A/Nil/2025 suspending the petitioner's authorization in respect of Fair Price Shop No.15, Yerravaram Village, Yeleswaram Mandal, the present writ petition is filed.

2. Heard Ms. Ayesha Siddiqua, learned counsel representing Sri V. Sai Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Appasani Vineeth, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner while reiterating the contents of the writ affidavit would contend that the authorities, alleging that the petitioner is not opening the fair price shop during the distribution of essential commodities, issued show cause notice, for which the petitioner submitted explanation, however, the authorities, without considering the explanation, in a mechanical way, suspended the authorization of the petitioner without giving reasons in violation of the orders passed by this Court in ***K.Prabhavathi vs. State of A.P.***¹, therefore, the impugned suspension order is liable to be set aside. Accordingly, prayed to allow the writ petition.

¹ 2020(6) ALD 209

4. Sri Appasani Vineeth, learned Assistant Government Pleader, justified the impugned order of suspension contending that, as the authorities found that the petitioner is not opening the fair price shop during the distribution of essential commodities, suspended the authorization of the petitioner, pending final enquiry, after following the procedure contemplated under law. He would further contend that the writ petition being meritless deserves dismissal. Accordingly, prayed to dismiss the writ petition.

5. Perused the material available on record and considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. The petitioner's Fair Price shop dealership authorization was suspended pending enquiry. This Court *vide* orders dated 24.06.2025, suspended the impugned orders directing the respondents to continue the petitioner as Fair Price Shop Dealer.

7. Clause 8(4)(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2018, mandates that the appointing authority shall dispose the disciplinary case filed against the fair price shop dealers as early as possible, preferably within a period of three (03) months from the date of filing, keeping in view of the convenience of the cardholders and for smooth functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System.

8. It is fairly conceded by the learned Assistant Government Pleader that enquiry had not been completed so far.

9. In view of the above, without going into the merits of the matter, this Court is inclined to dispose of the writ petition by passing the following order:

“The authorities shall conclude the enquiry at the earliest. Till conclusion of enquiry, the interim orders passed by this Court on 24.06.2025 shall continue.”

10. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is ***disposed of***. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

16th February, 2026
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