

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF JANUARY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NINALA JAYASURYA

IA No. 1 OF 2026

IN

WP NO: 16400 OF 2025



Between :

1. Anusri Films alias Anusri Cinemas,
Rep. by its Manager,
Sai Kishna A/C Theatre,
Mangalavarapu Peta,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari.
2. Sri Sai Ram Movie Land,
Rep. by its Manager,
P.Suresh, S/o Ramam,
Aged about 65 years,
Occ:Business, Anakapalli,
Anakapalli District.
3. Satyanrayana Picture Palace,
Rep. by its Manager, Nagi Reddy,
S/o Reddy, Aged about 45 years,
Occ:Business, Anakapalli,
Anakapalli District.
4. Natraj Picture Palace,
Rep. by its Manging Partner,
P.Govid Satyanarayana,
S/o. Mahalakshmi Naidu,
Aged about 65 years,
Occ:Business, Pendurthy,
Visakhapatnam District.
5. Sri Rama Krishna Citra Mandir,
Rep by its Manager, Nagireddy,
S/o Reddy, Aged about 45 years,

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Occ:Business, Payakaraopeta,
Anakapalli District.

6. Surya Movie Land,
Rep. by its Manager, Nagireddy,
S/o Reddy, Aged about 45 years,
Occ:Business, Vakalapudi,
Kakinada, Kakinada District.
7. Raja Picture Palace,
Rep. by its Manager,
Nagireddy, S/o Reddy,
Aged about 45 years,
Occ:Business, Anakapalli,
Anakapalli District.
8. Kameswari Cine Enterprises,
Rep. by its Manager, Nagireddy,
S/o Reddy, Aged about 45 years,
Occ:Business, Kakiveedhi,
Srikakulam, Srikakulam District.
9. Sri Satya Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
K. Govind, S/o Apparao,
Aged about 52 years,
Occ:Business, Anakapalli,
Anakapalli District,
10. The Lalitha and Sri Lalitha Theatres,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
C/o M. Satya Prasad,
S/o Ramakrishna, aged about 51 years,
Occ:Business, Peddapuram,
Kakinada District.
11. The Raja Picture Palace,
Rep. by its Mangaing Partner,
M. Seshagiri Rao, S/o Ramarao,

aged about 60 years, Occ:Business,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari District.

12. Sri Lakshmi Picture Palace,
Rep by its Managing Partner,
RVGK. Sujay Krishna Rangarao,
S/o RVGK Rangarao, aged about 51 years,
Occ:Business, Bobbili,
Vizianagaram District .
13. The Anand Enterprises Ananda A/c Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, D. Suresh Babu,
S/o Rama Naidu, aged about 62 years,
Occ:Business, Kakinada,
Kakinada District.
14. The Anapama Anurag Enterprises
Geetha & Sangeetha Twin A/c Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
D. Suresh Babu, S/o Rama Naidu,
Aged about 62 years, Occ:Business,
Kakinada, Kakinada District.
15. Devi Sridevi Twin A/c Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
D. Suresh Babu, S/o Rama naidu,
Aged about 62 years, Occ: Business,
Kakinada, Kakinada District.
16. Sri Tirumala A/c. Theatre,
Rep. by is Managing Partner,
G. Veerraju, S/o Peddaiah,
Aged about 68 years,
Occ: Business, Kakinada,
Kakinada District.
17. The Saptagiri Theatre,
Rep. by its, Managing Partner,
D. Suresh Babu, S/o Rama Naidu,

Aged about 62 years,
Occ: Business, Mandapeta,
Dr. B R Ambedhkar Konaseema District.

18. The Syamala Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
D. Suresh babu, s/o Rama naidu,
Aged about 62 years, Occ: Business,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari District.
19. The Ashoka A/c Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
M. Bhava Raju, S/o M.R. Raju,
aged about 66 years, Occ: Business,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari District.
20. The Urgasi Deluxe Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
R. Venkateswara Rao, S/o Tatalu,
aged about 65 years Occ: Business,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari District.
21. The M S Veerabhadra Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
K.Varahala Rao, S/o Venkat,
aged about 66 years, Occ: Business,
Peddapuram, Kakinada District.
22. Ramulamma Theatre A/c DTS,
Rep. By its Managing Partner,
B.Ramanamma, W/o Pavan Kumar,
aged about 56 years, Occ:Business,
Thagarapuvalasa, Visakhapatnam District.
23. Sri Sai Lakshmi Cine Complex,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
P.S.R.K. Kumar, S/o Ramana,
aged about 66 years, Occ: Business,
Chiidavaram, Visakhapatnam District.

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24. M/s Satya Sri Picture Palace & Ambika Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
Ch. Rambabu, S/o Veerabhadra Rao,
Aged about 66 years, Occ: Business,
Mandapeta, Dr. B.R.Ambedhkar Konaseema District.
25. M/s Venkataramana Picture Palace & Ambika Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, K.V.S.N.Raju,
S/o K.V.S. Raju, aged about 66 years,
Occ:Business, Amalapuram,
Dr. BR. Ambedhkar Konaseema District.
26. M/s Sobha Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
Sri. A.V.Ramanjulu,
S/o Satyanarayana Murthy,
Aged about 56 years,
Occ: Business, Peddapuram ,
Kakinada District.
27. M/s Venkata Padmavathi Cineplex,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
N. Venkata Raju, S/o Venkata Narasimha,
aged about 62 years, Occ: Business,
Amalapuram, Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema District.
28. M/s Theater Sekhar,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
Pabolu Venkata Narasimha Rao,
S/o Raju, aged about 65 years,
Occ: Business, Amalapuram,
Dr. BR Ambedhkar Konaseema District.
29. M/s Rayudu Theatre,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
Smt. Rayudu Subhashini,
W/o Sekhar, aged about 60 years,
Occ: Business, Rajanagaram,
East Godavari District.

30. M/s Caninkya & Chandragupta
Twin and A/c Theatre,
Rep. by its Lease Owner,
Smt. A Anuradha Devi,
W/o Satyanarayana, Cinema Road,
Kakinada, Kakinada District.
31. M/s Krishna Picture Palace,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
Smt. A. Anuradha Devi,
W/o Satyanarayana,
Aged about 42 years, Occ:Business,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari.
32. M/s Leela Mahal,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
T. Pundarikakshudu, S/o Krishna Rao,
Aged about 68 years,
Occ: Business, Amalapuram,
BR Ambedhkar Konaseema District.
33. M/s Sri Krishna Talkies,
Rep. by its S. Srinivasa Rao,
S/o Satyanarayana Murthy,
Aged about 60 years,
Occ: Business, Mandapeta,
DR. BR Ambedhkar Konaseema District.
34. M/s Sravani Enterprises,
Radha Madhava Complex, AC DTS,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
D.K.Varma, S/o Nadhava Varma,
Aged about 52 years, Occ: Business,
Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram District.
35. Sri Rajaratna Complex A/c,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
M. Ramakrishna, S/o Ramulu,
aged about 68 years, Occ: Business,
Mandapeta, Dr. BR Ambedhaker Konaseema District.

36. Sai Balaji Theatre A/c,
Rep. by its Partner,
V.V.Bala Krishna Rao,
S/o Pedda Punnayya,
aged about 70 years ,
Occ: Business, Bhimavaram,
West Godavari District.
37. Vijaya Lakshmi Complex A/c,
Rep. by its Partner,
T. Narayana Murthy,
S/o T. Mohan Rao,
aged about 56 years,
Occ: Business, Bhimavaram,
West Godavari District.
38. Lakshmi Theatre A/c,
Rep. by its Partner,
D. Stayanarayana Raju,
S/o Lakshmipathi,
Aged about 60 years, Occ:Business,
Tanuku, West Godavari District.
39. Ramachandra Theatre A/c DTS,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
D.V.V.Gopala Raju, S/o Appalaraju,
Aged about 55 years,
Occ: Business, Anakapalli,
Ankapalli District.
40. Raju Deluxe A/c. DTS,
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
J.V.Bangara Raju, aged about 57 years,
Occ: Business, Narasipatnam,
Visakhapatnam District.
41. Gurudatta Enterprises(Himagiri & Saptagiri theatres),
Rep by its Managing Partner,
D. Suresh babu, s/o Rama naidu,

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aged about 62 years, Occ: Business,
Vizianagaram, Vizianagaram District.

42. Krishna cinema,
Rep by its Managing Partner,
Pinnamaneni Prasad,
S/o. Venkateswara Rao, age 32 years,
Vizianagaram, Vizianagaram District.

.....Petitioners

AND

1. The Union of India,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Ministry of Home affairs,
New Delhi.
2. State of Andhra Pradesh,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
GAD (I& PR) Department,
1st Block, Secretariat Buildings,
Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd.,
Rep. by its Chairman & Managing Director,
P&T Colony, Seetammadhara,
Visakhapatnam.
4. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Rajahmundry, East Godavari.
5. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam District.
6. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Eluru, West Godavari.
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Operation Circle, APEPDCL,

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Vizanagaram District.

8. Senior Accounts Officers,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Srikakulam District.
9. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Parvatipuram, Vizianagaram District
10. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Bobbili, Vizianagaram District.
11. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Anakapalli, Anakapalli District.
12. Senior Accounts Officer,
Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Kakinada,
Dr. B.R. Ambedhkar Konasima District
13. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle, APEPDCL,
Dr. B.R. Ambedhkar Konasima District,
14. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle,
APEPDCL,
Srikakulam District.
15. Superintendent,
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Parvatipuram District.
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APEPDCL,
Visakhapatnam District.
18. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle,
APEPDCL,
Anakapalli, Anakapalli District.
19. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle,
APEPDCL,
Kakinada, Kakinada District
20. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle,
East Godavari District.
21. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle,
APEPDCL,
West Godavari District.
22. Superintendent,
Engineer Operation Circle,
APEPDCL,
Eluru, West Godavari District.

Counsel for the Petitioners : M/s B.VASANTHA LAKSHMI

Counsel for the Respondent No.2: SRI R.MALLIKARJUNA RAO

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 2nd respondent corporation to consider the representation dated 16.05.2025 and 23.06.2025 immediately and in the meanwhile direct the 13th Respondent not to take any coercive

steps including disconnection of power supply to the petitioner theater, pending disposal of WP No.16400 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The court while directing issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this application should not be complied with, made the following order.(The receipt of this order will be deemed to be the receipt of notice in the case).

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

Also heard Ms.Aiswarya Chowdhary, learned counsel for the respondent-DISCOM and Mr.R.Mallikarjuna Rao, learned counsel for the 2nd respondent.

Though the I.A., is filed by all the 42 petitioners in the writ petition, the learned counsel for the petitioners states that the cause title is inadvertently typed by referring to all the petitioners, but the relief in the present I.A., is sought only in respect of one of the petitioners i.e., M/s.Venkataramana Picture Palace & Ambika Theatre / petitioner No.25 in the main writ petition as a Demand Notice dated 21.01.2026 is issued to the said theatre and there is a threat of disconnection of power supply.

The learned counsel submits that by virtue of G.O.Ms.No.40 dated 08.04.2021, the benefit of waiver of fixed charges is to be extended to the petitioner No.25 and in this regard, representations dated 16.05.2025 and 23.06.2025 have been made to the 2nd respondent and no orders have been passed so far. She submits that pending consideration of the said representations, if the power supply to the said theatre is disconnected, serious prejudice and irreparable loss would be caused.

On the other hand, Ms.Aiswarya Chowdhary, learned counsel submits that a batch of writ petitions were filed by the petitioners

which were disposed of by an Order dated 03.04.2025 and they carried the matter against the orders of the learned Single Judge, but withdrew the writ appeal. She submits that reliance on the G.O., by the learned counsel for the petitioners is misconceived and the same is not binding on the Discoms. She opposes granting of interim orders and seeks further time to file counter-affidavit in the writ petition.

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In the meanwhile, considering the fact situation with regard to disconnection of power supply, this Court is inclined to direct the respondent-DISCOM authorities not to resort to any action of disconnection of power supply, subject to payment of Rs.1,00,000/- to the respondent-DISCOM, within a period of one week.

Learned counsel for the respondent-DISCOM to communicate the gist of the interim order to the concerned officials of DISCOM.

This Order is applicable only to petitioner No.25 i.e., the above mentioned theatre.

By the date of next adjournment, the 2nd respondent shall also file their counter, without fail.

SD/- T. SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Union of India, Ministry of Home affairs. New Delhi.
2. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, GAD (I and PR) Department, 1st Block, Secretariat Buildings, Amaravati, Guntur District.

3. The Chairman and Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd., P and T Colony, Seetammadhara, Visakhapatnam.
4. The Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Rajahmundry, East Godavari.
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21. The Superintendent, Engineer Operation Circle, APEPDCL, West Godavari District.
22. The Superintendent, Engineer Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Eluru, West Godavari District. (Addressee Nos.1 to 22 By **RPAD**)
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24. One CC to Sri R.Mallikarjuna Rao, Advocate [OPUC]
25. One CC to Sri V.V.Satish, Advocate [OPUC]
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DATED:29/01/2026

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