



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

[3504]

**TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 21074/2021

Between:

1. M/S. FEDERATION OF MINOR MINERALS INDUSTRY, (FEMMI), REP. BY ITS SECRETARY GENERAL DR. CHATTI HANUMANTH RAO, S/O. SRINIVASA CHATTI, AGE 59 YEARS, OCCU BUSINESS, REGD. OFF 24-88/7, SRINIVASA NAGAR, SIMHACHALAM, VISHAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (MINES. III) DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ROOM NO.102, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK NO.2, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P
2. THE DIRECTOR OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, ANJANEYA TOWERS, D.NO.7-104, B-BLOCK, 5TH AND 6TH FLOORS, IBRAHIMPATNAM, VIJAYAWADA-521456, A.P
3. THE MINISTRY OF MINES GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY SHASTRI BHAWAN, DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD ROAD, NEW DELHI -110001

...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 to issue writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of MANDAMUS under article 226 of Constitution of India, declaring the impugned G.O.Ms.21 dated 25-03-2021 and G.O.Ms.No.42 dated 07-06-2021 issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, levying Consideration Amount on Minor Minerals in addition to the Seigniorage fee,

DMF and MERIT as Arbitrary, Illegal, without competence, Ultra Vires and violative of fundamental rights enshrined under the Constitution of India, besides contrary to Section 15 (3) of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and un-constitutional and consequently strike down/set aside the impugned G.O.Ms.21 dated 25-03-2021 and G.O.Ms.No.42 dated 07-06-2021 declaring it as arbitrary and without competence and ultra vires in the interest of justice and equity and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.VENKAT REDDY DONTI REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.ADDL ADVOCATE GENERAL (AP)

The court made the following ORDER:-

When the matter is called, Sri Sai Kiran and Sri Gouridevi Krishnaiah, learned counsels representing Sri Venkat Reddy Donthi Reddy, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner, submit that in view of the subsequent developments taken place in the lis i.e., issuance of G.O.Ms.No.100 dated 26.06.2025 by the Government of A.P., the cause in the writ petition does not survive for further adjudication. Accordingly, they submit that the matter has become infructuous.

2. Recording the above said submissions, the writ petition is dismissed as infructuous.

There shall be no order as to costs. As a sequel, all pending applications shall stand closed.

JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

Date: 17.02.2026
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