



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD
WRIT PETITION NO: 18978 OF 2025

Between:

1. M/S. Laxmi Sree Ratna Yuvaraj Mall, Rep by its Proprietor, D. Ramachandra Rao, Occ: Business, Kovvuru, East Godavari District.
2. M/s Sri Lalitha Theatre, Rep. by its Manager, V. Satish, Occ: Employee, Peddapuram (V), Kakinada District.
3. Revathi A/c Picture Palace, Rep. by its Manager, P.Suresh babu, Occ: Business, Ramanaidupeta, Machilipatnam, Krishna 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, 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, Kowuru, East Godavari.
5. Superintendent Engineer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Kowuru, East Godavari.

6. Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Samrla Kota, Kakinada District.
7. Superintendent Engineer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Samrla Kota, Kakinada District.
8. Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
9. Superintendent Engineer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.

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 or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents (3) to (9) in disconnecting the power supply without issuing revised bills in the light of Go.Ms.40, dated.06.04.2021 as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to Go.Ms.40, dated. 06.04.2021, violative of principles of natural justice and contrary to Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of India and direct the 3rd respondent to issue revised bills in consonance with Go.Ms.40, dated. 06.04.2021.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents (3) to (9) to restore the disconnected the supply immediately, Pending disposal of WP 18978 of 2025, 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 Smt. B VASANTHA LAKSHMI, Advocate for the Petitioners, Additional Solicitor General of India for Respondent No.1, learned GP FOR GAD for the Respondent No.2,

Sri V.V. SATISH, Standing Counsel for the Respondent Nos.3 to 9, the Court made the following

ORDER:

“Heard Smt. B. Vasantha Lakshmi, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioners, Sri V.V. Sathish, learned Standing Counsel for APEPDCL, Sri O. Udaya Kumar, learned Central Government Counsel representing the Respondent No.1 and Sri P. Ajay Babu, learned Assistant Government Pleader for General Administration.

2. Having regard to the facts of this case, there shall be a direction to the Official Respondents to restore the power connection in the event that the Writ Petitioners deposit the entire amount due for the months of May, 2025 and June, 2025. The power connection shall be restored within three hours from the time by which the Writ Petitioners deposit the said amount. This shall be applicable only during working hours, and if the Writ Petitioners deposit the said amount after working hours, the power connection shall be restored on the following working day during working hours.

3. Let Counter Affidavit be filed within one week from today.

4. List the matter on 30.07.2025.

5. Learned Counsel for the Respondents are directed to convey the gist of this Order to the respective Respondents forthwith, for effective compliance.”

SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

//TRUE COPY//

For .

To,

1. The Secretary, Union of India, Ministry of Home affairs. New Delhi.

2. The Principal Secretary, GAD (I & PR) Department, Block, Secretariat Buildings, Amaravati, Guntur District, State of Andhra Pradesh (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
3. The Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd, P & T Colony, Seetammadhara, Visakhapatnam.
4. Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Kowuru, East Godavari.
5. Superintendent Engineer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Kowuru, East Godavari.
6. Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Samrla Kota, Kakinada District.
7. Superintendent Engineer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Samrla Kota, Kakinada District.
8. Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
9. Superintendent Engineer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Machilipatnam, Krishna District. (Addressee Nos.1, 3 to 9 by RPAD)
10. One CC to SRI. B VASANTHA LAKSHMI Advocate [OPUC]
11. One CC to Sri V.V. SATISH, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
12. One CC to ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL [OPUC]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR GAD, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
14. One spare copy

Kj

HIGH COURT

GRKP,J

DATED:23/07/2025

LIST THE MATTER ON 30.07.2025

ORDER

WP.No.18978 of 2025

DIRECTION

