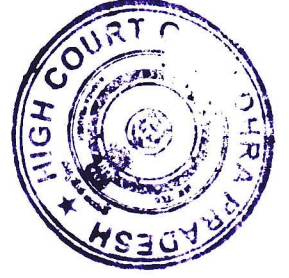




IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)



MONDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

WRIT PETITION NO: 20809 OF 2025

Between:

Ravi Sudhakar, S/o. Ramaiah, Aged about 74 years, R/o. D.No.33-620/3,
N.H-5 Road, Chilakaluripeta Town, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522616

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its principal secretary, Revenue Department. Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
2. The District Collector and Magistrate, Palnadu District, Lingamuntla, Agraharam Rural Narasaraopet - 522 601
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Chilakaluripeta Mandal Palnadu District.
4. The Tahsildhar, Chilakaluripeta Town and Mandal Palnadu 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 writ, order, direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the inaction of respondent no. 2 to 4 in renewing the B-Form License for Cinematograph Exhibitions despite paying requisite penalty as directed pursuant to the proceedings vide RC.No. 1648/2025-A dated. 22-07-2025 issued by respondent no.3 as illegal, arbitrary and

unconstitutional and in violation of principles. Article, 14, 19(1)(g), 21 of the Indian Constitution and against Rule 12-B of the Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1970 and consequently direct the respondent no. 2 to 4 herein to renew the B-Form License for Cinematograph Exhibitions at Sri Sai Kaarthikeya City Center, Chilakaluripeta, Palnadu district and process the application dated. 17-06-2025 pursuant to the endorsement vide RC.No. 1648/2025-A dated. 22-07-2025

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 to direct Respondent No. 3 to issue a temporary permit in Form C for the operation of the cinema theatres situated at Sri Kaarthikeya City Center, Chilakaluripeta, Palnadu District, pending final disposal of the writ petition pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI PILLIX LAW FIRM

Counsel for the Respondents No.1 to 4: GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following order:



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1. THE STATE OF AP, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
REVENUE DEPARTMENT. SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI.
2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND MAGISTRATE, PALNADU
DISTRICT, LINGAMUNTALA, AGRAHARAM RURAL NARASARAOPET
- 522 601
3. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, CHILAKALURIPETA MANDAL
PALNADU DISTRICT.
4. THE TAHSILDHAR, CHILAKALURIPETA TOWN AND MANDAI
PALNADU DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. PILLIX LAW FIRM

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India with the following prayer for:

".... a Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of respondent no. 2 to 4 in renewing the B-Form License for Cinematograph Exhibitions despite paying requisite penalty as directed pursuant to the proceedings vide RC.No. 1648/2025-A dated. 22-07-2025 issued by respondent no.3 as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitution and in violation of principles. Article, 14, 19(1)(g), 21 of the Indian

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2. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue, on written instructions, would submit that the Petitioner instead of paying Rs.15,480/- for renewal of licence, has paid an amount of Rs.3,000/- only.
3. Sri P.Kasi Nageswara Rao, learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that, as per the endorsement given by the Revenue Authorities, he has paid Rs.3,000/- only vide Challan dated 28.07.2025. Learned counsel would further submit that the Court may pass appropriate orders giving liberty to the Petitioner to pay the remaining amount and directing the Respondent – Authorities to consider the representation of the Petitioner for renewal of their licence.
4. Considering the submissions made, the Writ Petition is disposed of giving liberty to the Petitioner to pay the balance amount for renewal of their licence. On such payment, the Respondent – Authorities are directed to consider the representation of the Petitioner for the renewal of their licence, and take appropriate decision according to governing rules and law. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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**Sd/- A VIJAYA BABU
DEPUTY REGISTRAR**



SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Revenue Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati.

2. The District Collector and Magistrate, Palnadu District, Lingamuntla, Agraharam Rural Narasaraopet - 522 601
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- ~~5. One CC to SRI PILLIX LAW FIRM Advocate [OPUC]~~
- ~~6. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]~~
- ~~7. Two CD Copies~~

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 11/08/2025

ORDER

WP NO. 20809 OF 2025



**DISPOSING THE WP
WITHOUT COSTS**