



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

[3329]

MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 25547/2025

Between:

Mundru Hari Narayana

...PETITIONER

AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SASANKA BHUVANAGIRI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

2. GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following:

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Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for respondent Nos.1 to 4 and the learned Standing Counsel for respondent No.5.

The case of the petitioner herein is that respondent No.4 herein passed an impugned order suspending the cheque power of the petitioner against the Gram Panchayat funds as well as other funds allocated to the Gram Panchayat on the ground of misappropriation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per Rule 42(1) of Rules relating to "Certain Taxes and Lodging of Moneys Received by the Gram Panchayat and Payment of Moneys from the Gram Panchayat Fund" (for short 'the Rules') issued vide G.O.Ms.No.30 Panchayat Raj and Rural Development and Relief (Mandal-1) Department, dated 20.01.1995, while initiating any steps/any action against the petitioner either for suspension or for withdrawal of cheque power, the petitioner should be put on prior notice indicating the proposed action on the part of respondent No.4. But, contrary to the mandate as envisaged under Rule 42(1) of the Rules as well as principles of natural justice, respondent No.4 issued impugned proceedings on 30.08.2025, without issuing any prior notice as mandated under law.

On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for respondent Nos.1 to 4 furnished proof of service as directed by this Court, which clearly established that the notice was served upon the petitioner on 11.09.2025. Therefore, respondent No.4 not complied with the mandate as envisaged

under Rules 42(1) of the Rules. Hence, there shall be an interim stay of operation of the impugned proceedings dated 30.08.2025 issued by the 4th respondent, for a period of four(4) weeks.

List the matter after four(4) weeks.

VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA, J

06.10.2025
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