



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

[3332]

SATURDAY, THE 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 26898/2026

Between:

Rayee Venkatadri Naidu and others

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. G L NAGESWAR RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PROHIBITION EXCISE

The Court made the following order:

Learned Government Pleader for Prohibition & Excise Department takes notice and seeks time to get instructions.

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Sri G.L.Nageswararao, learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners are holders of A4 license granted under the provision of AP Excise (Grant of License of Selling by Shop and Conditions of License) Rules, 2024 issued in G.O.Ms.No.210 Revenue (Excise) Department, dated 30.09.2024. He further submitted that pursuant to G.O.Ms.No.273 Revenue (Excise-II) Department dated 12.08.2025 issued by respondent No.1, the

respondent authorities are insisting the petitioners to establish a permit room and further directing them to pay retail excise tax for permit rooms. He further submitted that the concept of a permit room was neither contemplated under the excise policy nor in the rules framed by the Government at the commencement of the excise year. He further submitted that the subsequent insistence by the respondent authorities upon the petitioners to establish permit rooms and pay retail excise tax in respect thereof is contrary to the terms and conditions under which the licences were granted. Hence, prayed to pass appropriate orders protecting the interest of the petitioners.

On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for Excise Department seeks time to get instructions.

Taking into consideration the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the *prima facie* view that the matter requires consideration. In the meantime, this Court, in order to meet the ends of justice, is inclined to pass the following order as an interim measure:

“There shall be an interim direction to the respondent authorities not to insist upon the petitioners to establish permit rooms or to collect retail excise tax in respect of such permit rooms. However, the renewal shall be subject to the outcome of the Writ Petition.”

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

Dt: 19.09.2026

Note: **C.C today**

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