

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

MONDAY ,THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO: 26653 OF 2025

Between:

Vasanthi Ice Products, Being Rep. by proprietor Kodali Subhash Chandra Bose, S/o. Parasuramaiah, Aged about 76 years, R/o. D.No. 16/261-A6, Satyanarayanapuram, Gudivada, Krishna District, A.P-521301.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary Energy Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
2. The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Rep. by its Chairman & Managing Director, APCPDCL Corporate Office, Besides AP. Govt, Polytechnic, ITI Road, Vijayawada-520008.
3. The Superintending Engineer, Operation, Krishna Circle, APCPDCL, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
4. The Executive Engineer, Operation, Krishna Circle, APCPDCL, Gudivada Town, Krishna District.
5. The Deputy Executive Engineer, Operation, Krishna Circle, APCPDCL, Gudivada Town, Krishna District.

6. The Assistant Engineer, Operation, Krishna Circle, APCPDCL, Gudivada Town, Krishna District.
7. The Addl. Administrative Officer, Electricity Revenue Office, APCPDCL, Gudivada Town, Krishna District.

Respondent/s

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of mandamus, declaring the mala-fide and arbitrary action of the respondents 2 to 7 in imposing unexplained/unspecified arrears amounting to Rs. 2,35,951/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty One Only) which are in addition to the regular bill amount of Rs.36,618/- (including FPPCA Charges 01/23, 08/23, 07/25) on USC No. 6111123000316 vide Bill No. 283 dated 04-09-2025 without there being any pending/continuous arrears put to the notice of the consumer/petitioner is contrary to the section 56 & 171 of The Electricity Act, 2003 as well as illegal, arbitrary, unjust, violation of Principles of Natural Justice and violation of Article 14, 19(1)(g) of constitution of India along with the Consumer protection Act 2019.

Consequently set aside the illegal demand of unexplained/unspecified arrears amounting to Rs. 2,35,951/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One Only) on USC No. 6111123000316 vide Bill No 283 dated 04-09-2025 in the interest of justice.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondent authorities 4 to 7 to provide the requested

information sought through written representation submitted by the petitioner/consumer dated 12-09-2025 as mandated under sections 56 & 171 of the Electricity Act, 2003, Pending disposal of WP 26653 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to grant temporary stay on payment of unexplained/unspecified arrears to the tune of Rs. 2,35,951/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One Only) on USC No. 6111123000316 vide Bill No. 283 dated 04-09-2025, Pending disposal of WP 26653 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 Sri MOHAMMAD GHALIB SHAHID Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR ENERGY E for the Respondent No.1; Sri V.V. Satish, Standing Counsel for the Respondent Nos.2 to 7, the Court made the following.

ORDER

“Heard Sri Mohammad Ghalib Shahid, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner and Sri Abdul Matheen, learned Junior Standing Counsel for APEPDCL.

2. Sri Abdul Matheen, learned Junior Standing Counsel for APEPDCL has submitted the Written Instructions furnished by the Assistant Accounts Officer along with certain documents. Copy of the Written Instruction is also furnished to the learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner. This Written Instruction is taken on record.

3. Written Instructions are not clear as to the reason why the Writ Petitioner has fallen due of an amount of Rs.2,35,951/- suddenly in the

month of August, 2025. The Writ Petitioner has also filed I.A.No.2 of 2025 seeking information through Representation dated 12.09.2025. Respondents are directed to look into the Representation dated 12.09.2025 and place on record all such information sought by the Writ Petitioner before this Court on the next date of hearing.

4. Sri Abdul Matheen, learned Junior Standing Counsel for APEPDCL is directed to convey the gist of this Order to the Competent Authority and furnish all the information.

5. List the matter on 24.11.2025.

6. There shall be a direction to all the parties to maintain Status-quo obtaining as on today till the next listing."

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SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary Energy Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.[By Special Messenger]
2. The Chairman & Managing Director, The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., APCPDCL Corporate Office, Besides AP. Govt, Polytechnic, ITI Road, Vijayawada-520008.
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7. The Addl. Administrative Officer, Electricity Revenue Office, APCPDCL, Gudivada Town, Krishna District. (2 to 7 by SPEED POST)
8. One CC to SRI. MOHAMMAD GHALIB SHAHID Advocate [OPUC]
9. One CC to Sri V.V. Satish, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
10. One CC to Sri Abdul Matheen, learned Junior Standing Counsel [OPUC]
11. Two CCs to GP FOR ENERGY ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
12. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

GRKP,J

DATED:17/11/2025

LIST THE MATTER ON 24.11.2025

ORDER

WP.No.26653 of 2025

DIRECTION

