

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

THURSDAY, THE 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

: PRESENT:

THE HON'BLE Dr. JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

WRIT PETITION NO: 26267 OF 2025

Between:

M/s Kakatiya Cement Sugar & Industries Limited, Incorporated
under the Companies Act, 1956 Office at 1-10-140/1, GURUKRUPA,
Ashok Nagar, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 020
Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. P Veeraiah Also
at Srinivasanagar, Jaggayyapet, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh -
521 175

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, Office at A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S.Land Mark, Near APIIC Towers, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh – 522503.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forest Department, Central Jail Rd, Annapoornamma Peta Police Quarters, Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh - 533103.
4. The District Forest Officer, 4 NTR Division, Buckinghampeta Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh - 520002.
5. State of Andhra Pradesh, Mines Geology Department, Office at A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Rep. by its Secretary

...Respondents

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 an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondent Nos. 1 to 4 in not permitting the Petitioner to resume its mining activities by not issuing the necessary permissions, approvals and permits under Form I to the Petitioner, in terms of G.O Ms.No.26 dt. 15.02.2018, Section 8A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Circular No.F.No.11-51/2015-FC dt. 01.04.2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents to permit the Petitioner to forthwith resume its mining activities by issuing the necessary permissions, approvals and permits in Form - I, to enable the Petitioner to conduct its mining activities/operation;

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 writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to permit the Petitioner to forthwith resume its mining activities by issuing the necessary permissions, approvals and permits in Form - I to enable the Petitioner to conduct its mining activities/operations without any hindrance, pending disposal of WP.No.26267 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 the earlier orders of the High Court dated: 03.11.2025, 19.11.2025, 01.12.2025, 22.12.2025, 24.12.2025, 05.01.2026, 28.01.2026, 02.03.2026, 30.03.2026, 27.04.2026 & 29.06.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Devi

Prasad Mangalapuri, Advocate for the Petitioner and GP for Forests, for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4 and GP for Mines & Geology, for the Respondent No.5, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

“At request of learned Asst.Government Pleader for Mines and Geology for filing counter, list the matter on 20.08.2026.

Interim order granted earlier is extended until further orders.”

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**SD/- J.GAYATRI DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. One CC to Sri. Devi Prasad Mangalapuri, Advocate [OPUC]
2. Two CCs to GP for Forests, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
3. Two CCs to GP for Mines & Geology, High Court of AP [OUT]
4. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

Dr.VJP,J

DATED: 06.08.2026

LIST THE MATTER ON 20.08.2026

ORDER

WP.No.26267 of 2025

INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED

