

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

TUESDAY ,THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE



**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUMATHI JAGADAM**

WRIT PETITION NO: 29102 OF 2025

Between:

1. M/s. Atam Gas Services, Rep. by its Power of Attorney holder Levaku Bhargavi W/o.Levaka Vijaya Bhaskar, Aged about 37 years, Indane Gas Distributor, Room.No.2 Muncipal Complex Devunikadapa road, Kadapa.
2. Smt.Harminder Kaur Grewal, W/o.Atam Singh, aged about 85 years, Partner of M/s. Atam Gas Services Indane Gas Distributor, Room.No.2 Muncipal Complex Devunikadapa road, Kadapa

Petitioners

AND

1. Union of India, Rep. by its Secretary Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gases New Delhi.
2. M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Rep. by its Chairman & amp Managing Director Indian oil Bhavan.G-9, Ali Yavar jung MargBadra (east), Mumbai-40051
3. The General Manager, M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd TAPSO, Hyderabad.

4. The Chief Area Manager, M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Vijayawada IDO
5. The Divisional LPG sales Head, M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd Vijayawada IDO.

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 an appropriate writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents more particularly the 5th respondent in issuing proceedings dated 27.09.2025, in unilaterally keeping the distributor ship operation on hold and further directing to hand over the equipment to an other distributor is arbitrary, illegal, violative of principles of natural justice apart from being violative of Articles 14,19(1)(g) and 21 of Constitution and consequently direct the respondents to restore the operations of the petitioners.

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 suspend the proceedings dated 27.09.2025 issued by Respondent No.5 in the interest of justice, Pending disposal of WP 29102 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 M/S INDUS LAW FIRM Advocate for the Petitioner, Sri SRIDHAR TUMMALAPUDI (CENTRAL GOVT COUNSEL) Advocate for the Respondent No.; Sri A. Venkata Durga Rao, Advocate for the Respondent Nos.2 & 5;

Sri V. Ashok Ram, Advocate for the Respondent No.3, the Court made the following.

ORDER

The 2nd petitioner is the widow of a Kargil War Martyr and in recognition of her husband's sacrifice for the nation, the respondents have granted LPG Distributorship under the Defence Category. The 2nd petitioner is aged about 75 years and, having a share of 51%, has inducted Ms. Preethi as minor partner with 49% share holding to assist in the operation. The partnership was approved by the Respondents – Corporation. On 11.10.2025, the petitioners have informed that Ms. Preethi was appointed as a Civil Assistant Surgeon and requested to reconstitute the Distributorship.

The 5th respondent has filed counter affidavit and submits that they have not yet taken decision with regard to the Distributorship. In view of the same, status-quo, obtaining as on today shall be maintained

List the matter after Pongal vacation, 2026.

In the meantime, reply, if any, may be filed.

SD/- T. SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Union of India, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gases
New Delhi.
2. The Chairman & Managing Director, M/s. Indian Oil Corporation
Ltd, Indian oil Bhavan.G-9, Ali Yavar jung Marg Badra (east), Mumbai-
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3. The General Manager, M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd TAPSO, Hyderabad.
4. The Chief Area Manager, M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Vijayawada IDO
5. The Divisional LPG sales Head, M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd Vijayawada IDO. (2 to 5 by RPAD)
6. One CC to SRI. M/S INDUS LAW FIRM Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to Sri A. Venkata Durga Rao, Advocate [OPUC]
8. One CC to Sri V. Ashok Ram, Advocate [OPUC]
9. One CC to SRI. SRIDHAR TUMMALAPUDI (CENTRAL GOVT COUNSEL) Advocate [OPUC]
10. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

JS,J

DATED:23/12/2025

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