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

[3332]

MONDAY, THE 13th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 28824/2025

Between:

1. NARENDRA KUMAR SHAH, S/O BABULAL SHAH AGED 60 YEARS
CHAIRMAN CLUB MEMBER AGENT, LIC OF INDIA CITY BRANCH-1,
GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT R/O 29-2-204/1, 2/6, 1ST FLOOR
BESIDE VARDHINI COLLEGE BRODIPET, GUNTUR .

...PETITIONER

AND

1. LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR CENTRAL
OFFICE, YOGAKSHEMA, JEEVAN BIMA MARG MUMBAI-400 021

2. THE ZONAL MANAGER, LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF
INDIA SOUTH CENTRAL ZONAL OFFICE JEEVAN BHAGYA,
SAIFABAD HYDERABAD-500 063

3. THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL MANAGER, LIFE INSURANCE
CORPORATION OF INDIA DIVISIONAL OFFICE, KENNEDY ROAD
OPP. HINDU COLLEGE, MACHILIPATNAM-521001

4. THE SENIOR BRANCH MANAGER, LIFE INSURANCE
CORPORATION OF INDIA CITY BRANCH-1 GUNTUR, GUNTUR
DISTRICT

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd Respondent in issuing the letter dated 10.02.2025 keeping the Petitioner's Agency Licence under suspension as highly illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, violative of principles of natural justice, contrary to the provisions of Life Insurance Corporation of India (Agents) Regulations, 2017 as also violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and set aside the same with consequential directions to the Respondents to release the Renewal Commission due to the Petitioner along with interest @ 12percent per annum without reference to letter dated 10.02.2025 issued by the 3rd Respondent and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to forthwith release the renewal commission payable to the Petitioner along with interest @ 12% per annum in terms of Regulation 19 of Life Insurance Corporation of India (Agents) Regulations, 2017 without reference to letter of suspension dated 10.02.2025 issued by the 3rd Respondent and pass

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased May be pleased to grant leave by condoning the delay in filing of the counter affidavit and allow the Counter Affidavit to be placed on record in the interest of justice and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.KARTHIK SHAH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.J U M V PRASAD (S C for LIC)

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

Questioning the suspension order dated 10.02.2025 passed by the 3rd respondent, whereby the petitioner's agency licence was kept under suspension, as being illegal and arbitrary, the present writ petition is filed.

2. Heard Sri Karthik Shah, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri JUMV Prasad, learned Standing Counsel for LIC appearing for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in elaboration to what has been stated in the affidavit, submitted that the petitioner is an agent having a licence with the respondent Corporation, wherein, on the ground of certain alleged irregularities, his licence has been kept under suspension pending enquiry. Now, the petitioner intends to restrict the relief sought and thereby seeks a direction to the concerned authority to conclude the enquiry in a time-bound manner. He further contended that, by virtue of Regulation 19 of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Agents) Regulations, 2017, the petitioner is entitled for payment of commission during the period of discontinuance of the agency on account of suspension. However, the authorities are not paying the said amount though he is legally entitled to the same. Therefore, a direction may be given to the authorities to pay the said amount to the petitioner pending enquiry.

4. On the other hand, learned Standing Counsel for the respondents submitted that certain irregularities have been committed by the petitioner, wherein an enquiry has been initiated and keeping in view the interests of the customers as well as the Corporation, the petitioner's agency has been kept under suspension. He further submitted that the enquiry is in progress and would be concluded within a period of three (03) months. Insofar as the payment of

commission during the period of discontinuance of the agency on account of suspension is concerned, the petitioner has not approached the authority in that regard. Even before this Court, no relief has been asked in the writ petition. As such, the said request cannot be considered.

5. In reply, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a pleading to the said effect has been taken in the reply affidavit and therefore, a direction may be given in that regard.

6. Perused the record and considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties.

7. It is not in dispute that the petitioner is an agency licensee with the respondent Corporation, wherein the Corporation has kept the petitioner's agency under suspension by virtue of the impugned order. As the relief sought is innocuous, wherein the petitioner has restricted the relief and thereby sought a direction to respondent No.3 to conclude the enquiry in a time-bound manner, this Court is not inclined to go into the merits and demerits of the case. However, insofar as the payment of commission during the period of discontinuance of the agency on account of suspension is concerned, admittedly, the petitioner has neither pleaded the same before this Court in the writ affidavit nor made any representation to the authority seeking payment of the said commission. For the first time, the said plea has been raised in the reply affidavit. However, the respondents had no opportunity to countenance the said pleading. Keeping the interests of the parties into consideration, this Court is inclined to dispose of the writ petition, to meet the ends of justice, by passing the following order:-

“The petitioner is at liberty to make a representation requesting payment of commission during the period of discontinuance of the agency on account of suspension by virtue of Regulation 19 of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Agents) Regulations, 2017, within a period of three (03) days from the date of receipt of copy of this order. On receipt of such representation, the concerned authority shall pass orders, duly taking into consideration the said Regulation, within a period of two (02) weeks thereafter. Insofar as enquiry is concerned, the 3rd respondent shall conclude the enquiry, in accordance with law, within a period of three (03) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and communicate the orders to the petitioner.’

There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

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Whether the order is:

Speaking Yes/No / Reasoned Yes/No

Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable Yes/No

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