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

WEDNESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE



:PRESENT:
HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SRI DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

WP(PIL) NO: 225 OF 2025

Between:

Keethineedi Akhil Sri Guru Teja, S/o K.P. Ramarao, Aged 32 Years,
Occ: Chairman/Managing Trustee Help The People Charitable Trust
(Regd No 34/2025), R/o.H.No.59-8-37/1, Mekanarayanamma Thota,
Jaganadhapuram, Kakinada, Kakinada District-533002.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, Represented by its Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Union of India, Represented by its Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Chief Secretary, Secreteriat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
4. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens, Secreteriat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
5. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.

6. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep By Principal Secretary, Department of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
7. The Commissioner of Women Development and Child Welfare Department, 2nd Floor, Jampani Towers, Lodge Center, Amaravathi Road, Guntur. ✓
8. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, 5th floor, Prime Hill Crest, Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri-522051. ✓
9. Swachha Andhra Corporation, Rep By Managing Director, 68, Road No.2, Veterinary Colony, Vijayawada- 520008. ✓

...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 a writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus and/or any other appropriate Writ(s)

A) To declare the inaction and failure of the Respondents in taking effective and time-bound steps to provide Functional Toilets, Drinking Water Facility, and Electricity Facility in all Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh as illegal, arbitrary, violative of THE NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013, and a gross violation of the Right to Live with Human Dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India

B) To direct the Respondents, more particularly the 2nd and 4th Respondents, to sanction, and implement a comprehensive, time-bound Action Plan to provide and operationalize Functional Toilet Facility, Drinking Water Facility, and Electricity Facility in all deficient Anganwadi Centers throughout the State, ensuring 100% compliance with Section 5(2) of the NFS Act, 2013, within a strict timeline to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court. ✓

C) To direct the Respondents to ensure that immediate, temporary, and hygienic arrangements for basic sanitation and potable drinking water are provided in all AWCs currently lacking such facilities, pending the final completion of the construction and renovation work;

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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 respondents to immediately formulate and implement a plan for Temporary Arrangements to provide Functional Toilet Facility and Potable Drinking Water in all Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), pending disposal of the Writ Petition;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. SAI SUNDEEP, representing Sri. SHAIK SHAHEDAZ, Advocate for the Petitioner and of ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, for the Respondent Nos. 1 & 2 and of GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, for the Respondent No.3 and of GP FOR WOMEN & CHILD WELFARE, for the Respondent No.4 and of GP FOR MEDICAL HEALTH, for the Respondent Nos. 5 & 7 and of GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, for the Respondent Nos. 6 & 8;

The Court made the following ORDER:

The issue highlighted in the present petition is with regard to inadequate provision of basic amenities like drinking water and toilets in Anganwadi centres across the State.

It is stated that as many as 55,746 Anganwadi centres exist and are functional out of which only 48,314 have functional toilets and 54,920 have drinking water facility.

According to the information provided under the RTI Act, as many as 9246 toilets were sanctioned in the financial year 2024-25 out of which

6057 toilets have since been completed and 1244 are under progress.

Apart from this, it is stated that there was a sanction granted for 3371 toilets for Anganwadi centres under the Swachha Andhra Corporation.

It is thus stated that there is still shortfall in the basic facilities which ought to be maintained at every Anganwadi Centre in line with the requirement of Section 5(2) of the National Food Security Act, 2013, which envisages that every Anganwadi Centre shall have facilities for cooking meals, drinking water and sanitation.

We, therefore, direct the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Department, to file an affidavit, in response, with regard to the action that is taken and proposed to be taken with a view to ensure basic facilities to such Anganwadi centres.

List on 28.01.2026.

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SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, The Union of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, The Union of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
3. The Chief Secretary, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secreteriat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
4. The Principal Secretary, Department of Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secreteriat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.

5. The Principal Secretary, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
6. The Principal Secretary, Department of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi. (3 to 6 by SPECIAL MESSENGER)
7. The Commissioner of Women Development and Child Welfare Department, 2nd Floor, Jampani Towers, Lodge Center, Amaravathi Road, Guntur. (by SPEED POST)
8. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, 5th floor, Prime Hill Crest, Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri-522051.
9. The Managing Director, Swachha Andhra Corporation, 68, Road No.2, Veterinary Colony, Vijayawada- 520008. (1, 2, 8 & 9 by RPAD)
10. One CC to Sri. SHAIK SHAHEDAZ, Advocate [OPUC]
11. One CC to ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OPUC]
12. Two CCs to GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR WOMEN & CHILD WELFARE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
14. Two CCs to GP FOR MEDICAL HEALTH, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
15. Two CCs to GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

**HC, J
&
CGR, J**

DATED:03/12/2025

LIST ON 28.01.2026.

ORDER

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DIRECTION

