



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

THURSDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MARCH,

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SRI DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR

AND

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE R RAGHUNANDAN RAO

WRIT APPEAL NOS: 1221 & 1225 OF 2025

WRIT APPEAL NOS: 1221 OF 2025:

(Appeal under Clause 15 of Letter Patents Act, is filed praying to set aside the Order dated 04.11.2025 passed by the Single Judge of this Hon'ble Court in W.P.Nos.14697 of 2025, and consequently allow the said W.P.No.14697 of 2025, as prayed for)

Between:

Dhananjaya Reddy Rakkasi, S/o Venkata Reddy, aged 45 years, Occupation- Editor, Printer, and Publisher, Sakshi Telugu Daily, 6-3-249/1, Sakshi Towers, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Presently residing at Flat No. 411, Ashoka Liviano Towers, Puppalaguda, Narsingi Service Road, Near My Home Avatar, Hyderabad-500089.

Appellant/Writ Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Legislative Affairs, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Committee of Privileges, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Rep. by its Chairperson, Assembly Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. The Secretary General, Legislature (Legn.) Secretariat, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Assembly Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.

Respondents/Respondents

I.A.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 stay of all further proceedings pursuant to the Notice dated 25-02-2025 and the consequential Letter dated 03.06.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent under the instructions of the 2nd respondent – Committee of Privileges, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, pending disposal of the main Writ Appeal;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the order of the High Court order dated 20.11.2025 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. S.Sriram, Senior Counsel appearing for Sri. Anup Koushik Karavadi, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP for Law Affairs, for the Respondent No.1 and of Sri. Ginjupalli Subba Rao, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 2 & 3;

WRIT APPEAL NOS: 1225 OF 2025:

(Appeal under Clause 15 of Letter Patents Act, is filed praying that the High Court may be pleased to set aside the Common Orders dated 04.11.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Single Judge of this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.14801 of 2025, decided along with W.P.No.14697 of 2025 to the extent of holding that the writ petition is devoid of merit inasmuch as it is premature and dismissing the writ petition, consequently allow the said writ petitions by setting aside the privilege motion initiated pursuant to notice dated 22.02.2025 and consequential letter No.65/legn/202512 dated 03.06.2025 issued by the third respondent)

Between:

B. Phani Kumar, S/o. B. Venkata Rao, Aged 45 years, working as Chief Reporter, Sakshi Telugu Daily, 6-3-249/1, Sakshi Towers, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034, R/o. 41-5/1-10, Garikapativari Street, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

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3. The Secretary General, Legislature (Legn.) Secretariat, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Assembly Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.

Respondents/Respondents

I.A.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 grant stay of all further proceedings pursuant to the Notice dated 25-02-2025 and the consequential Letter dated 03.06.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent under the instructions of the 2nd respondent – Committee of Privileges, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, including the appearance of the petitioner pursuant to Letter No.65/Legn./2025-23 dated 11.11.2025, pending disposal of the main Writ Appeal;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the order of the High Court order dated 20.11.2025 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. V.Maheswar Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP for Law Affairs, for the Respondent No.1 and of Sri. Ginjupalli subba rao, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 2 & 3;

The Court made the following COMMON ORDER:

We have heard Mr.S.Sriram, Senior Counsel at length.

Learned Advocate General on account of his indisposition seeks some time to address arguments in the matter.

List on 19.03.2026.

In the meantime, we have been assured that no further proceedings would be taken in the matter till the next date of hearing.

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Sd/-U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Legislative Affairs, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District. (by SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Chairperson, The Committee of Privileges, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Assembly Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. The Secretary General, Legislature (Legn.) Secretariat, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Assembly Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District. (Addressee Nos. 2 & 3 BY RPAD)
4. One CC to Sri. ANUP KOUSHIK KARAVADI, Advocate [OPUC]
5. One CC to Sri. GINJUPALLI SUBBA RAO, Advocate [OPUC]
6. One CC to Sri. V. MAHESWAR REDDY, Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GPF OR LAW AFFAIRS, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

HC,J
&
RRR,J

DATED: 05/03/2026

LIST ON 19.03.2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION

