

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

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 1300 OF 2026



Between:

1. Nakkala Lakshman, S/o. Krishna Murthy, aged about 47 years R/o. Egavaripalem, Gavinivari Palem, Chirala Mandal, Bapatla District.
2. Gavini Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Pichaiah, aged about 49 years, R/o. Gavinivaripalem, Chirala Mandal, Bapatla District.
3. Kommanaboyina Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Ankaiah, aged about 45 years R/o. Burlavaripalem, Chirala Mandal, Bapatla District.
4. Boyina Udaya Bhaskar, S/o. Tirupataiah, aged about 44 years, R/o. Boyinavari Palem, Chirala Mandal, Bapatla District.
5. Nakkala Haribabu, S/o. Subba Rao, aged about 43 years R/o. Pittuvaripalem, Chirala Mandal, Bapatla District.
6. Pittu Yohanu, S/o. Peda Tirupati Venkaiah Aged about 48 years, R/o. Pittuvaripalem, Chirala Mandal, Bapatla District.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Irrigation Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District 522 238 Rep. by its Principal Secretary.
2. The District Collector, Bapatla District - 522 101.A.P
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Bapatla, Bapatla District-522 101 A.P
4. The Tahsildar, Bapatla Mandal, Bapatla District-522 101.
5. The Divisional Engineer, Irrigation (Drainage) Department, Chirala - 523 155. Bapatla district

6. The Executive Engineer, Irrigation (Drainage) Department, Chirala - 523 155.Bapatla district
7. The Joint Director, Fisheries Department Bapatla, Bapatia District-522 101
8. The Deputy Director, Fisheries Department Bapatla, Bapatla District - 522 101.
9. The Joint Director of Agriculture, Bapatla, Bapatla District-522 101.
10. Vadarevu Fishermen Cooperative Society, Reg No. J-39/1965, president of Pikki Suribabu, S/o Thataiyaa, Aged about 56 years, R/o.7 Buildings, Vadarevu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh.

R10 is impleaded as per the Court's Order dt.04.02.2026 in I.A.No.02 of 2026 in writ petition and affidavit.

...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 of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the respondents in not taking steps to see that no fishing boats are stopped in the Epurupalem Straight Cut canal as illegal, arbitrary, violation of principles of natural justice and in violation of Article 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to take steps to see that no fishing boats are stopped in the Epurupalem Straight Cut Canal which is causing obstruction to the free flow of water in the canal and also polluting the water in the canal;

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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 take steps to see that no fishing boats are stopped in the Epurupalem Straight Cut Canal which is causing obstruction to the free flow of water in the canal and also polluting the water in the canal during pendency, Pending disposal of WP 1300 of 2026, 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 Sri.C SUBODH Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR IRRI AND CAD for Respondent Nos.1 and 6, GP for Revenue Department for R2 to R4, GP for Fisheries Department for R7 to R9 and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Sri C.Subodh, learned counsel for the petitioners, submitted that the Government of Andhra Pradesh issued G.O.Ms.No.47, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and fisheries (Fish) Department, dated 20.09.2016 notifying Vodarevu (vide Sl.Nos.201 & 202) as Fish Landing Centres. However, despite of issuing G.O., boats are being parked at culvert obstructing the flow of water and evidencing the same, photographs have been placed on record.

On the earlier occasion, the Assistant Government Pleaders submitted that certain boats parked at the subject place have been removed asking all the boat owners not to park their boats at the subject places notified as Fish Landing Centres.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the boats were removed and still boats are being parked at the subject place.

In view of the above, this Court is inclined to direct the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries (Fish) Department, to ensure that no boats are parked at the subject places notified as Fish Landing Centres and file a report detailing the action taken, within a period of three (03) weeks.

Post on 31.03.2026.

Sd/-K.Srinivasa Raju,
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Irrigation Animal Husbandry Dairy Development and fisheries (Fish) Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District 522 238.
2. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Irrigation Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District 522 238 (addressee 1 and 2 by **Special Messenger**)
3. The District Collector, Bapatla District - 522 101.A.P.
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10. The Joint Director of Agriculture, Bapatla, Bapatla District-522 101. (addressee 2 to 10 by RPAD)
11. One CC to SRI. C SUBODH Advocate [OPUC]
12. Two CCs to GP FOR IRRI AND CAD, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR Revenue Department , High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
14. Two CCs to GP FOR Fisheries Department, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

RC,J

DATED:25/02/2026

Post on 31.03.2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION

