

(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WRIT PETITION NO: 7806 OF 2026

Between:

Mr. Ram Kishan Bung, S/o late Sri Sinivasji Bung.

Petitioner

AND

1. Union of India, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Represented by its Secretary, New Delhi.
2. M/s Bharath Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, having its registered Office at Bharat Bhawan 4 and 6 Currimbhoy Road Ballard Estate Mumbai - 400001.
3. Head (Retail), South Region, M/s Bharath Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Southern Regional Office at 1, Ranganathan Gardens, Off. 11 to Main Road PB 1212 and 1213, Anna Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600040.
4. Territory Manager (Retail), M/s Bharath Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Charlapally, Hyderabad, Telangana.
5. Mr. Jitta Surender Reddy, S/o Anji Reddy Jitta, Aged about 62 years, Occ. Business, R/o 16-2-751/A/31C/112 and 113, Tirumala Hills, Aasman Bagh, Amberpet, Malakpet Colony, Hyderabad
6. M/s Keshav Petrofi, Represented by Mr. Jitta Surender Reddy, Located at S. No. 178, Opp. KPHB, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500072

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate SRI M. PRANAV presented this 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 a writ or an order or a direction, more particularly a writ in the nature of Mandamus to declare the action of the Respondent No. 3 in passing the speaking order dated 11.12.2025 disposing the complaint raised by the Petitioner, without considering the fact that the Respondent No. 5 was never in effect associated with the operations and existence of the Respondent No. 6, as being illegal arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently seeking a direction to the Respondent No. 2 and 3 to record the nature of the Respondent No. 6 as a partnership firm having the Petitioner and Respondent No. 5 herein as its partners with 94 percent and 6 percent stake respectively as per the Partnership Deed dated 01.06.2004.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of SRI AVINASH DESAI Senior Counsel Representing SRI M. PRANAV Advocate for the Petitioner, SMT. N.V.R. RAJYA LAKSHMI Standing Counsel for Central Government for the Respondent No.1 and SRI R. SUSHANTH REDDY, Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Secretary, Union of India, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, New Delhi.
2. The Chairman and Managing Director, M/s Bharath Petroleum Corporation Ltd, having its registered Office at Bharat Bhawan 4 and 6 Currimbhoy Road Ballard Estate Mumbai - 400001.
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are directed to show cause on or before 30.03.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No. 3 to consider and re-investigate the documents along with the submissions made by the Petitioner herein any additional material furnished by the Petitioner, pending disposal of WP No. 7805 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No. 3 to forthwith take over the management and control over the Respondent No. 6 and operate the same, pending disposal of WP No. 7806 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 3 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No. 3 to not permit or authorize any change or an attempt to change the ownership/control over the Respondent No. 6 by the Respondent No. 5 herein and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the current case and, pending disposal of WP No. 7806 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following

ORDER:

Notice before Admission.

Smt N.V.R. Rajya Lakshmi, learned Standing counsel for Central government takes notice for respondent No.1

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent Nos.2 to 6 through Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service in the Registry.

Heard Sri Avinash Desai, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner and Sri R. Sushanth Reddy, learned counsel for respondent Nos.5 and 6.

List on 30.03.2026.

There shall be interim direction as prayed for till the next date of hearing.

Sd/- K.BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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(Addressees 1 to 6 BY SPAD along with a copy of petition and affidavit)

7. One CC to SRI M. PRANAV Advocate [OPUC]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

NBK, J

DATED :13/03/2026



LIST ON 30.03.2026.

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INTERIM DIRECTION