

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA : HYDERABAD

MAIN CASE No: W.P.No.40819 of 2016

PROCEEDING SHEET

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3.	20.04.2026	<u>JAK, J</u> On 03.03.2026, this Court passed the following order: “This Writ Petition is filed with the following prayer: “... to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly a Writ in the nature of Mandamus to declare the inaction of the 2nd respondent in not releasing the hire vehicle payment charges due to the petitioners in respect of vehicles utilized for travel purpose by the respondent Nos.4 to 7 as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently direct the 2nd and 3rd respondents to sanction Hired Vehicles charges due payable to the petitioners and be pleased to pass such other order or orders as this Hon’ble Court deems fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.” The entire issue revolves around the payment of hire charges to be paid to petitioners for hiring the vehicles. The amount to be paid by the respondent authorities is Rs.7,84,000/-, pending due from the year 2014. The vehicles were hired on 20.01.2014 and 04.06.2014. Vehicles bearing Nos.AP 09Y 1245, AP 28W 4071 and AP 09TV 2493 belonging to petitioners were hired on hire service basis, amounts have not been paid till date. This Court on 02.03.2026 requested the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue to get instructions from the concerned authorities. By a letter dated 26.02.2026 addressed to the office of learned Government Pleader for Revenue, the instructions of Tahsildar, Bijinepally Mandal, are placed on record. The contents of the written instructions are as follows: “... It is submitted that, the petitioners Sri D. Mahesh and Smt. V. Latha R/o Bandarpally village, Chinna Chintha Kunta Mandal, Mahaboobnagar District have filed W.P.No.40819 of 2016 with a prayer that to issue direction or order to the respondent No.2 & i.e., the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, State of	Transferred to IO folder, before corrections, if any.

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		Telangana, Hyderabad and District Collector, Mahaboobnagar District for not releasing the hire vehicle payment charges due to the petitioners in respect of vehicle utilized for travel propose by the respondents No.4 to 7 i.e., Tahsildars Chinna Chintha Kunta, Hanwada, Devarkadra and Bijinepally Mandals. In this regard it is submitted that, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Telangana Hyderabad has addressed a letter to the District Collector, Mahaboobnagar District vide CCLA Lr.No.Budget/149/2016 dated 17.06.2016 and requested to the Collector, to furnish details of dues are pending and reasons for non-payment of said dues to the Tahsildars along with justification Further it is submitted that, the then Tahsildar Bijinepally Mandal, erstwhile Mahaboobnagar District presently Nagarkurnool District has addressed a letter to the District Collector, Mahaboobnagar District vide Lr.No.A/Misc/2015 dated .03.2015 along with utilization certificate and submitted the details of private vehicle engaged for Tahsil Office, Bijinepally Mandal and dues for the month of Oct 2013 to Dec 2013 for (3) months. Further it is submitted that, after received of proposals from the Tahsildars the District Collector, Mahaboobnagar District has addressed a letter to the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Telangana Hyderabad vide Letter No.B1/2086/2015 dated 04.10.2016 and informed that due to non availability of budget provision for hired vehicles, the payment of charges to the hired vehicles have not be paid and submit the Utilization certificates received from the Tahsildars and requested to release the funds towards hire charged vehicles. The same is not received. Soon after receipt of necessary budget provision of hire vehicle charges payment will be made to the petitioner. In view of the above facts and circumstances, the Government Pleader (Revenue) of Hon'ble High Court Telangana State is requested to kindly appraise the facts mentioned above before the Hon'ble Court and see that the present writ petition may be dismissed in the interest of justice." On a perusal of the written instructions, it appears that there has been an administrative delay on the part of the respondent authorities in payment of dues pertaining to the year 2014. The hiring of vehicles was carried out by different officers during different periods of time.	

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		Be that as it may, on a perusal of the instructions, it appears that the respondent authorities are willing to take steps, only after this Court has taken a serious view of the matter. It is made clear that dues shall be paid to the petitioners within a period of five weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Needless to state, if the amounts are not paid within five weeks, this Court shall be constrained to invoke the Revenue Recovery Act and direct the Collector to attach the properties of the office of the Mandal Revenue Officer, Bijinepally, who hired the vehicles. Post the matter on 07.04.2026. Today, when the matter is called, letter of the Collector & District Magistrate, Mahabubnagar, dated 31.03.2026, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Land Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad, is placed on record. There are two tables in the said letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Land Administration. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for respondents has submitted that in table No.2, amounts reflected at Sl.No.4 have been paid, but amounts in respect of Sl.Nos.1, 2, 3 are yet to be paid, that no details have been received with regard to the payment. Be that as it may, it is amply clear that hire charges to be paid from December-2009 and January-2010 to July-2010 for the vehicle bearing No.AP 09 Y 1245 and for the same vehicle for the period from February-2014, April-2014 & May-2014, the dues are pending and also for the vehicles bearing Nos.AP 28 W 4071 and AP 09 TV	

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		2493, for the months January-2013 to May-2014, an amount of Rs.4,08,000/- is pending. This Court can only express its displeasure in the way in which the private hired vehicle owners are being treated, in the non-payment of their hire charges due for more than 1½ decades i.e., 15 years and for 12 years in the other two cases. This Court, as a last option, gives an opportunity to the concerned authorities, including the office of Chief Commissioner, Land Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad, to whom the letter dated 31.03.2026 has been addressed by the Collector & District Magistrate, Mahabubnagar, which depicts a sorry state of affairs. It is made clear that amounts have to be paid within a period of 48 hours or release the amounts. Post the matter on 22.04.2026. JAK,J plp	

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