

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.SHRAVAN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO: 9087 OF 2026

Between:

1. Gandla Nagesh, S/o. Late Rajaiah.
2. Gandla@Karru Rajakumari, D/o. Late Rajaiah
3. Gandla @ Manthri Kavitha, D/o. Late Rajaiah.

Petitioners

AND

1. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Revenue Department (L.A and J.A) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
2. The State of Telangana, Rep. By its Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
3. The Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R and R), Buddha Bhavan, Hyderabad.
4. The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL), Rep. by its Chairman and Managing Director Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, PB No.18 Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad.
5. District Collector, Peddapalli District, Integrated District, Office Complex Peddapalli, Telangana.
6. Additional Collector and Administrator, R and R, Peddapalli District, Integrated District Office Complex Peddapalli, Telangana.
7. Land Acquisition Officer and Special Deputy Collector L.A. Unit, SCCL, Godavarikhani Integrated District Office Complex Peddapalli, Telangana.
8. Revenue Divisional Officer, Manthani Division, Manthani, Peddapalli District.
9. The Tahsildar, Ramagiri Mandal, Ramagiri, Peddapalli District.
10. The General Manager, Ramagundam Area - II, SCCL RG2-OCP - III Project 8-Incline Colony, Godavarikhani Peddapalli District.

Respondents

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 direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondent authorities in issuing and publishing the declaration u/s 19(1) of the Act, without complying with mandatory provisions under Section 16, 17 and 18 and without preparing and publishing the summary of R and R scheme and in passing an incomplete award, only for land compensation, without issuing award enquiry notice and conducting award enquiry as required under the law and now proceeding to deposit the arbitrarily

determined land compensation before the Competent authority and to take over the possession of the subject houses of the petitioners in Sy.No.578 of Peddampet (Patta) Village, Ramagiri mandal, Peddapalli district with project No.33/A as illegal, unconstitutional and consequently set aside the declaration notified vide Gazette No. 08/2024 dt. 24/06/2024 and award proceedings No.B1/368/2023 dt.15/05/2025 issued for acquisition of land and house structures of the petitioners among others

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 suspend the operation of the declaration notified vide Gazette No. 08/2024 dated 24.06.2024 by the 05th respondent and award proceedings No. B1/368/2023 dated 15.05.2025 passed by the 07th respondent, pending disposal of WP 9087 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 authorities not to take any coercive steps against the petitioners, including deposit of land compensation and taking over possession, regarding their residential houses in Sy.No.578 of Peddampet (Patta) Village, Ramagiri mandal with project No.33/A, pending disposal of WP 9087 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 CH. RAVI KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioners, SRI SOMU SRINIVAS REDDY, AGP FOR LAND ACQUISITION appearing for the Respondents No. 1, 3 and 5 to 9 and SRI HARSHITH REDDY Standing Counsel for SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED appearing for the Respondent No.4 and 10, the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Learned Government Pleader for Land Acquisition takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1, 3 and 5 to 9.

Learned Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (for short "SCCL") takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.4 and 10.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Somu Srinivas Reddy, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Land Acquisition appearing for respondent Nos.1, 3 and 5 to 9 and learned Standing Counsel for SCCL appearing for respondent Nos.4 and 10.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are aggrieved by the award proceedings bearing No.B1/368/2023, dated 15.05.2025 issued by respondent No.5 – District Collector, Peddapalli referring to the Notification issued Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act (for short "RFCTLARR Act"), 2013 Act, dated 02.01.2024 seeking

for acquisition of Ac.1-12 guntas of land in Peddampet and Mangalpalli Villages (Revenue Village : Jallaram) of Ramagiri Mandal, Peddapalli District for the purpose of construction of GDK 6-B Section of GDK-6B IGM (RGOC – III), Ramagundam Area – II of SCCL.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that subsequent to the notification dated 02.01.2024, the respondent authorities issued a declaration notification under Section 19(1) of the Act, 2013, wherein the properties of the petitioners, who are the family members, are shown at item No.19. The petitioners are holding their subject property in project No.33/A.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the grievance of the petitioners is that the respondents have not notified Rehabilitation & Resettlement (for short “R & R” package. Without declaring the said package / scheme, the respondent authorities ought not to have passed the award.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for respondent Nos.1, 3 and 5 to 9 on instructions of respondent No.7 – Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, SCCL, Godavarikhani would submit that under Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Act, 2013, R & R subject pertains to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Manthani.

Learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.4 and 10, on instructions, would submit that the Revenue Divisional Officer, Manthani conducted Gramasabha on 18.08.2025 on objections on SES and submitted a proposal *vide* Lr.No.B/358/2024, dated 23.02.2026 on R & R package stating that none of the villagers of the Peddampet Village pertaining to Ac.1-12 guntas of land are eligible for R & R benefits and would further submit that the respondent No.5 *vide* proceedings No.G2/971/2023, dated 07.03.2026 directed to conduct SES again. As such, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Manthani *vide* proceedings No.B/358/2024, dated 23.03.2026 formed a team to conduct SES from 25.03.2026 to 31.03.2026 and the report of them is pending as of now. As such, the R & R procedure is going on simultaneously, as the villagers had already received R & R package in the previous Gazette in the same village and the houses are in dilapidated condition.

Per contra, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that since the report of the team formed by RDO, Manthani is pending and the R & R package has not been finalized and declared, the petitioners shall not be dispossessed.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Land Acquisition would submit that a draft counter has been prepared and seeks time to file the counter, if finalized.

In that view of the matter, the respondents are directed not to dispossess the petitioners in so far as they are concerned for a period of three (03) weeks.

At request, for filing counters, post this matter on 20.04.2026.

SD/- S. MALLIKARJUNA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary Revenue Department (L.A and J.A) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat Buildings, State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
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(Addressees 1 to 10 BY SPAD)

11. One CC to SRI CH. RAVI KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
12. Two CCs to GP FOR LAND ACQUISITION, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR ENERGY, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

NVSK, J

DATED :06/04/2026

POST THIS MATTER ON 20.04.2026.



ORDER

WP.No.9087 of 2026

DIRECTION