

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

MAIN CASE No: WRIT PETITION No.9110 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
1.	26.03.2026	<u>SK, J</u> <u>W.P.No.9110 of 2026</u> Notice before admission. Learned Government Pleader for Services-I takes notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 and 2, Sri Putta Krishna Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for the Municipalities takes notice on behalf of the respondent No.3, waive further notices and seek time to file their respective counters. The Registry is directed not to issue notice to the respondents in view of the above waiver. Post after six (6) weeks. List on 11.06.2026. SK, J <u>I.A.No.1 of 2026</u> in <u>W.P.No.9110 of 2026</u> Heard Sri M.P.Kashyap, learned Counsel for the petitioner, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-I appearing for the respondent Nos.1 and 2 and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.3. Perused the material on record. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that while the petitioner was working as Revenue Officer at Nirmal Municipality, a criminal case in Cr.No.03/ACB-ADB/2024 dated 23.01.2024 on the file of the ACB, Adilabad Police Station, was registered against him and the same is pending before the Special Judge for SPE &	<i>Transferred to IO folder before making corrections, if any.</i> ...contd.

	ACB Cases at Karimnagar. It is further submitted that basing on the very same set of allegations, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the petitioner <i>vide</i> G.O.Rt.No.218, Municipal Administration (Vig.I) Department, dated 17.02.2026, which is contrary to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of Capt. M.Paul Anthony v. Bharat Gold Mines Limited and another¹, wherein it was categorically held that it would be desirable to stay the departmental proceedings till the conclusion of the criminal case. Therefore, learned Counsel seeks the indulgence of this Court. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned Counsel for the petitioner and in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Capt. M.Paul Anthony (supra), there shall be an interim direction to the respondents not to proceed further with the departmental inquiry in pursuance of the Article of Charges issued by respondent No.1 <i>vide</i> G.O.Rt.No.218, Municipal Administration (Vig.I) Department, dated 17.02.2026, till conclusion of the criminal case in Cr.No.03/ACB-ADB/2024 on the file of the Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases at Karimnagar. SK, J <i>mvm</i>	
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¹ (1999) 3 SCC 679