

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:
THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

CONTEMPT CASE NO: 869 OF 2025

Between:

B.V.S.Ramesh Babu, (EC No.4066676), S/o. Balaramaiah, aged 60 years, working as Dy. Superintendent, (Presently) O/o. JVR OC-II, Sathupally, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem Area, Khammam District.

Petitioner

AND

1. Sri N.Balaram. IRS, Chairman & Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem District. (Presently)
2. Sri K.Venkateshwarlu, The Director (PA & W) (Officiating) Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem District - 507 101 (Presently)

Respondents

WHEREAS the petitioner has presented the Contempt Case under Sections 10 to 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, through his Counsel Sri K.Vasudeva Reddy, praying the High Court to summon the respondents to this Hon'ble Court and punish them suitably, for improper, wilful and deliberate disobedience of the order passed in WP. No. 13842 of 2008, dated 14-03-2024;

Counsel for the Petitioner : SRI K.VASUDEVA REDDY

**Counsel for Respondents : SRI P.SRI HARSHA REDDY,
Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

WHEREAS the said case coming on for hearing, and whereas the High Court, upon perusing the affidavit filed therein, and the earlier order dated 09-04-2025, made the following;

ORDER:

When the matter is taken up, Mr. P.Sri Harsha Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries Company Limited, seeks further time to comply with the order, dated 14.03.2024 passed by this Court in W.P.No.13842 of 2008, stating that there is ambiguity with regard to the calculation of the amounts, as to whether the same has to be computed from the date of the order passed in W.P.No.13842 of 2008 or from the date of

the order, dated 31.10.2007, whereby the punishment of stoppage of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect was imposed.

In reply, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the amounts are to be calculated from the date of the order, dated 31.10.2007.

The contention of the learned Standing Counsel that there is ambiguity with regard to the date from which the amounts are to be calculated cannot be accepted. A perusal of the order, dated 14.03.2024 passed in W.P.No.13842 of 2008 makes it clear that the punishment of stoppage of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect was imposed by order dated 31.10.2007. Therefore, once the said punishment has been modified by this Court, the petitioner is entitled to all consequential benefits from the date of the original order i.e., 31.10.2007 and not from the date of the order passed in the writ petition.

On earlier occasions, this Court has clarified the same to the learned Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries Company Limited. However, despite such clarification, the respondents have not taken appropriate steps to give effect to the same and continue to seek time on one pretext or another. The conduct of the respondents, particularly respondent No.2, reflects a clear lack of diligence in complying with the orders of this Court and cannot be countenanced, necessitating a serious view of the matter.

In view of the above, the respondents are directed to comply with the order, dated 14.03.2024 passed by this Court in W.P.No.13842 of 2008 and report compliance by the next date of hearing i.e., on 19.06.2026. In the event of non-compliance, respondent No.2 shall appear before this Court on 19.06.2026 and submit his explanation.

List the matter on 19.06.2026, under the same caption.

Sd/- P. GOWRI SHANKAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To

1. Sri K.Venkateshwarlu, The Director (PA & W) (Officiating) Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem District - 507 101 (Addressees 1 & 2 BY SPEED POST)
2. One CC to Sri K. Vasudeva Reddy, Advocate (OPUC)
3. One CC to Sri P.Sri Harsha Reddy, Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries (OPUC)
4. One Spare Copy

HIGH COURT

JS,J

DATE: 24-4-2026

NOTE: POST ON 19-6-2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION

