

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 12550 OF 2026

Between:

Kotha Kista Reddy, S/o. Kotha Bhasker Reddy, Aged 47 years, Occp. Fair Price Shop Dealer, 2-220, Pulgarcherla ,Pulgarcherla Village, Weepanagandla Mandal, Wanaparthi District.

.....PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS) Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Civil Supplies Bhavan, Erramanjil, Somajiguda, Hyderabad- 500082.
3. The District Collector (C.S), Wanaparthi, Wanaparthi District.
4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Wanaparthi, Wanaparthi District.
5. The Tahsildar, Weepangandla Mandal, Wanaparthi District.
6. The District Civil Supplies Officer, Wanaparthi, Wanaparthi 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, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in taking steps for bifurcating the petitioner fair price shop situated at Pulgarcherla, Pulgarcherla Village, Weepanagandla Mandal, Wanaparthi District with out any notice and contrary to the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt.No 55 Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS) Department dated 12-05-2015 as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of article 14

and 21 of the Constitution of India consequently direct the respondents not to create any new fair price shop bei bifurcating the petitioners existing shop with out following the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt.No 55 Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS) Department dated 12-05-2015.

I.A.NO:1 OF 2026

Petition Under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents not to create any new fair price shop by bifurcating the petitioners existing shop with out following the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt.No 55 Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS) Department dated 12-05-2015 pending disposal of the above writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner : SRI L.V.S.NAGARAJU

Counsel for the Respondents : AGP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Court made the following ORDER

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HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION No.12550 OF 2026

DATE: 22.04.2026

Between :

Kotha Kista Reddy

... Petitioner

A n d

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS),
Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad
and others

... Respondents

ORDER

**Heard Sri L.V.S. Nagaraju, learned counsel
appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the learned
Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies
appearing on behalf of the respondents.**

**2. The petitioner approached the Court seeking
prayer as under:**

"...to issue a Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in taking steps for bifurcating the petitioner fair price shop situated at Pulgarcherla, Pulgarcherla Village, Weepanagandla Mandal, Wanaparthi District without any notice and contrary to the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt.No 55 Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS) Department dated 12-05-2015 as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India consequently direct the respondents not to create any new fair price shop by bifurcating the petitioners existing shop without following the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt.No.55 Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (CS-1-CCS) Department dated 12-05-2015 and to pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit just and proper in the circumstances of the case..."

3. The case of the petitioner in brief as per the averments made in the affidavit filed by the petitioner in support of the present Writ Petition is as under:-

The petitioner is an authorized Fair Price Shop dealer of Pulgarcherla Village, Weepangandla Mandal, Wanaparthi District, holding Authorization No. C/125/2024 dated 13-02-2024, which is valid and subsisting, with renewal fees paid on 05.03.2026. The petitioner is presently running the Fair Price Shop attached with 679 ration cards and earning a meagre monthly commission of about Rs.9,000/-, which is the sole source of livelihood for the petitioner's family. While so, the respondents are taking steps to create a new Fair

Price Shop in the village by bifurcating the petitioner's existing shop without issuing any notice and contrary to the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015. Though representations had been submitted by the petitioner, villagers, and local representatives requesting not to bifurcate the shop, the respondents are proceeding with the proposal. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

PERUSED THE RECORD:

A) The Clause No.3 of G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015 is extracted hereunder:

"3. Government, after considering all the above aspects at the State level, decided that the following number of cards can be attached to fair price shops in different areas.

- a) In GHMC area - 1000 to 1200 cards
- b) Other Corporations - 800 to 1000 cards
- c) All Municipalities

and Nagar Panchayats - 600 to 800 cards
d) Rural areas - upto 500 Cards"

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner mainly puts forth the following submissions:

4.1 The respondents are taking steps to bifurcate the petitioner's fair price shop situated at Pulgarcherla Village, Weepanagandla Mandal, Wanaparthi District, without issuing any notice to the petitioner.

4.2 The respondents are proceeding to initiate action for bifurcation of the petitioner's existing shop without following the guidelines issued in G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015.

4.3 The respondents cannot proceed to create any new fair price shop by bifurcating the petitioner's existing shop, contrary to Clause (3) of G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015.

Based on the aforesaid submissions, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is entitled to the relief as prayed for by the petitioner in the present writ petition.

5. The learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies, appearing on behalf of the respondents, referring to Clause (3) of G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015, which prescribes specific guidelines for rationalisation of the number of cards in fair price shops pertaining to orders relating to food security cards, contends that the respondents are bound to follow the said G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015, and hence, appropriate orders may be passed.

6. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner does not dispute the said submission made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the learned Assistant

Government Pleader for Civil Supplies appearing on behalf of the respondents.

7. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION:

a) The aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case,

b) The submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies appearing on behalf of the respondents,

c) The fact that the petitioner was appointed as a fair price shop dealer and that Authorization No.C/125/24 was issued by Respondent No.4 dated 13.02.2024, and the said authorization of the petitioner is still subsisting and valid, and that the petitioner's shop is presently running with 679 cards.

d) G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015, pertains to specific guidelines with regard to the

rationalisation of the number of cards in fair price shops, and the same needs to be followed.

e) The discussion and conclusion as arrived at paragraph Nos.4 to 6 of the present order,

The Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondents to follow the specific guidelines issued in G.O.Rt. No.55, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, dated 12.05.2015, in particular Clause (3) (referred to and extracted above), and to strictly adhere to the guidelines issued thereunder in the said G.O. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition, shall stand closed.

SD/-MOHD. ISMAIL
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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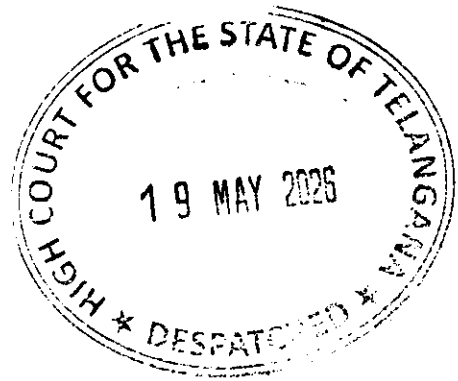
To

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7. Two CCs to GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
8. One CC to SRI L.V.S.NAGARAJU, Advocate [OPUC]
9. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 22/04/2026



ORDER

WP.No.12550 of 2026

**DISPOSING OF THE W.P
WITHOUT COSTS.**

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