

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD
THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE P.SAM KOSHY
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO
WRIT PETITION NO: 13362 OF 2025

Between:

Suddala Rajagangaram, S/o. Suddala Saya Goud.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, Rep. by its Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Hyderabad Customs Commissionerate, GST Bhavan, L.B. Stadium Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad - 500004
3. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, Hyderabad - 5000409.
4. The Air Customs Superintendent, Air Intelligence Unit-A, O/o. Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, Hyderabad - 5000409.
5. The Assistant Commissioner (Disposal), O/o. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, GST Bhavan, L.B. Stadium Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad - 500004.

...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 Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in seizing and proposing to dispose of the Six Gold Bars weighing 500 grams (24KT), vide SG/DISP/24/2025-Cus-Disp, despite the petitioner producing valid purchase Invoices dated 27.2.2025 and 18.3.2025 along with supporting documents, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of Article 300A of the Constitution of India and contrary to the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and consequently direct the respondents to forthwith release the said seized gold to the petitioner.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 Respondents to provisionally release the seized gold, namely six gold bars weighing 500 grams (24KT), to the Petitioner forthwith, upon such terms and conditions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit, either in exercise of its powers under Section 110A of the Customs Act, 1962, or upon payment of applicable customs duty and redemption fine under Section 125 of the Customs Act, 1962, pending disposal of WP.No.13362 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

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 stay all further proceedings pursuant to Notice No.SG/DISP/24/2025-Cus-Disp, issued by the 5th Respondent, pending disposal of WP.No.13362 of 2025, 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 the order of the High Court dated: 29.04.2025 and 30.06.2025 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of SRI. KARAM CHENDU KOMIREDDY Advocate for the Petitioner, (DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA) Advocate for the Respondent Nos.1 and 5 and Ms. PRAVALIKA learned counsel representing SRI. DOMINIC FERNANDES Advocate for the Respondent Nos.2 to 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Learned counsel for the department prays for one last opportunity to file counter.

Reluctantly though, we are constrained to grant one more opportunity to the respondents enabling them to file counter, list this case on 18.11.2025 under the same caption.

Meanwhile, the interim relief granted earlier is made absolute.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. One CC to SRI. KARAM CHENDU KOMIREDDY, Advocate [OPUC].
2. One CC to (DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA), Advocate [OPUC].
3. Two spare copies

HIGH COURT

PSKJ & SCRJ

DATED:23.10.2025

LIST ON 18.11.2025

ORDER

WP.No.13362 of 2025

INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED

