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HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL
WP NO: 15359 OF 2026

Between

Pittala Sampath, S/o. Narayana,

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana,, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The State of Telangana,, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Finance Department, TS Secretariat, Hyderabad
3. The District Collector,, Siddipet District.
4. The District Panchayat Officer,, Siddipet District.
5. The Divisional Panchayat Officer,, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District.
6. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer,, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District.
7. The Mandal Panchayath Officer,, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District.
8. The Panchayat Secretary,, Gram Panchayat, Mohammadapur Village Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate Sri. RAMAVARAM CHANDRASHEKAR REDDY presented this 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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly a Writ of Mandamus, declaring that the action of the Respondent No. 8 in issuing the notice dated. 07.04.2026 to the petitioner, pertaining to payment of electricity dues of the mineral water plant within the limits of Gram Panchayat Mohammadapur Village, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District is illegal, arbitrary and violation of principles of Natural Justice, apart from violation of

Articles 14, 19 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently set aside the notice dated 07.04.2026 issued to the petitioner,

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and memorandum of grounds filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. RAMAVARAM CHANDRASHEKAR REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner, Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayt Raj, for respondent Nos.1, 3, 4, 5 & 7, Assistant Government Pleader for the Revenue, for respondent Nos.6 & 8, directed issue of notice to the Respondent No.2 herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, TS Secretariat, State of Telangana Hyderabad

are directed to show cause on or before 14.07.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 of C.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend the notice dated 07.04.2026 issued to the petitioner, Pending disposal of WP No 15359 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following:

ORDER

Notice before admission.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayt Raj, takes notice for respondent Nos.1, 3, 4, 5 & 7 and seeks time to file counter.

Issue notice to respondent No.2.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for the Revenue, takes notice for respondent Nos.6 & 8.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that from the year 2013 to January, 2024 the petitioner was the Sarpanch of Mohammadapur Village, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District and during his tenure, mineral water plant was established in the Mohammadapur Village.

The case of the petitioner is that the respondent No.8 issued impugned notice bearing No.05/6/2026 dated 07.04.2026, stating that petitioner was managing mineral water plant established next to the Gram Panchayat Office and that the Gram Panchayat electricity meter bearing USC No.110875103 is being used for running the said mineral water plant. Since the dues related to the aforesaid electricity meter were not paid, petitioner in the impugned notice dated 07.04.2026, was directed to pay the dues within a period of ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which legal action will be taken. Aggrieved by the same, the present Writ Petition is filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the said mineral water plant was established in the year 2016 and the same is used by the public at large and it is not for the personal use of the petitioner. It is further submitted that the electricity meter bearing USC No.110875103 is in the name of Sarpanch of Mohammadapur Village, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District and not in the name of the petitioner. Learned counsel further submits that the Gram Panchayat cannot issue the impugned notice, dated 07.04.2026 seeking arrears of electricity from the petitioner and would pray this Court to set aside the impugned notice, dated 07.04.2026.

This matter requires detailed examination and the facts can be ascertained only upon filing written instructions/counter by the official respondents.

In the meantime, as an interim measure impugned notice bearing No.05/6/2026 dated 07.04.2026 issued by respondent No.8 is suspended till the next date of hearing.

List on 14.07.2026.

Sd/- M.OSMAN ALI BAIG
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, TS Secretariat, State of Telangana, Hyderabad[by SPAD-along with a copy of petition and affidavit]
2. One CC to Sri. RAMAVARAM CHANDRASHEKAR REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
4. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

EVV, J

DATED: 05-05-2026

LIST ON: 14.07.2026

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DIRECTION

