

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

: PRESENT:

THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

**I.A.No. 1 OF 2026
IN
WP NO: 15685 OF 2026**

Between

M/ s. Lotus 9 Events, A registered partnership firm, Having office at 11-9-22, Laxmi Nagar colony, Kothapet, Saroor Nagar (M), Ranga Reddy District - 35 Rep. by its Managing Partner, Sri. Nandikanti Narender Goud, S/o. N. Amarnath Goud, Occ. Business,

...Petitioner
(Petitioner in WP NO: 15685 OF 2026
on the file of High Court)

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Forest Department, Rep. by its Secretary, Secretariat. Hyderabad.
2. The Telangana Forest Development Corporation, (Government of Telangana Undertaking) Registered office at Botanical Garden, Gate No.2, Masjid Banda Road, Kothaguda post office, Kondapur, Hyderabad 500084 Rep by its Vice Chairman and Managing Director.
3. The Asst. Director (Operations), Eco-Tourism Division, Telangana Forest Development Corporation Gate No.2, Masjid Banda Road, Kothaguda post office, Kondapur, Hyderabad 500084.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (WL) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad.
5. The District Forest Officer, Ranga Reddy District.
6. The Forest Range Officer, Hayathnagar, Ranga Reddy District.

...Respondents
(Respondents in-do-)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

Counsel for the Respondent No. 1, 4 to 6:

Counsel for the Respondent No. 2 & 3:

SRI T SURYA SATISH

GP FOR FORESTS

SRI REKULAPETA SUDHAKAR

ADVOCATE REP. SRI Y. VIJAYA

BHASKAR REDDY

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 order in Ref.No.6.5.1644/PA/ET/2015-16/22 dated 23/04/2026 and the show cause notice in reference Ref.No.6.5.1644/PA/ET/2015-16/23 dated 23/04/2026 while staying all further proceedings pursuant to the order and show cause of the 2nd Respondent, pending disposal of WP No 15685 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The court while directing issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this application should not be complied with, made the following order.(The receipt of this order will be deemed to be the receipt of notice in the case).

ORDER:

Heard Sri T. Surya Satish, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, Sri Rekulapeta Sudhakar, learned counsel representing Sri Y. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, learned Standing Counsel, appearing on behalf of respondent Nos.2 and 3.

I.A. No.1 of 2026 in W.P. No. 15685 of 2026 is filed seeking prayer as under:

"The Hon'ble Court may be pleased to suspend the order in Ref. No. 6.5.1644/ PA/ ET/ 2015-16, dated 23.04.2026 and the show cause notice in reference Ref. No.6.5.1644/PA/ET/2015-16/23, dated 23.04.2026 while staying all further proceedings pursuant to the order and show cause of the 2nd respondent and to pass".

The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner mainly puts forth the following submissions:

- (i) The impugned order dated 23.04.2026 issued by the respondent No.2 vide Ref.No.6.5.1644/ PA/ET/2015-16/22 is illegal, arbitrary and in violation of principles of natural justice.**
- (ii) Vide the said impugned proceedings dated 23.04.2026 of the 2nd respondent, the extension period of the Agreement entered into between the petitioner and respondent Corporation was unilaterally cancelled invoking Clause 32 of the Agreement without following the due procedure as stipulated under Clause 35 and 36 of the Agreement dated 22.01.2018 entered into between**

the petitioner and the respondent Corporation, for a period of ten (10) years w.e.f. 05.10.2016 to 04.10.2026.

(iii) Curiously a show cause notice for violation of terms and conditions of the Agreement had been issued on 23.04.2026 alleging violation of certain terms and conditions with identical facts allegations as reflected in the impugned order dated 23.04.2026 issued by the 2nd respondent to the petitioner herein.

(iv) The impugned orders are a colourable exercise of power by the 2nd respondent.

(v) The impugned orders are in clear violation of principles of natural justice.

Based on the aforesaid submissions, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is entitled for the relief as prayed for by the petitioner herein.

PERUSED THE RECORD:-

Clause 35 and 36 of the Agreement, dated 22.01.2018 entered into between the petitioner and the respondent Corporation are extracted hereunder:

35. The operator shall not resort to any suit in any Court with regard to any matter whatsoever arising by virtue of these agreement conditions without exhausting the channels of representation, mutual consent. For redressal of any matter the operator shall approach first the Asst. Director, Eco Tourism Division, TSFDC Ltd., Hyderabad then with Director, Eco Tourism, TSFDC for 'conciliation', if the matter is not settled on mutual consent with the Director, Eco-Tourism within one month of representation by the operator the matter will be represented to Vice Chairman & Managing Director TSFDC whose decision will be final. further any appeal/dispute is subject to Jurisdiction of Hon'ble Civil Courts within the limit of Hyderabad city.

36. The TSFDC Ltd., can revoke the agreement and withdraw from the compliance of the same in the event of circumstances beyond its control with a prior notice. In such an event the operator shall be compensated for premature closure of the agreement taking into account the item wise investment made on the date of closure at 10% per annum interest rate. For such purpose the operator at the time of creation shall provide the particulars of the possible cost, source of finance for debt due mobilization if any, and later a report of evolution by a certified evaluator. Independent assessment shall also be got done by the TSFDC Ltd., through registered valuers.

This Court opines that the order impugned issued by the respondent No.2 herein dated 23.04.2026 and the consequential show-cause notice dated 23.04.2026 of the respondent No.2 are totally contrary to the procedure laid down under Clause Nos.35 and 36 of the Agreement entered into between the petitioner and the respondent Corporation, dated 22.01.2018 (referred to and extracted above)

A bare perusal of the impugned order of the respondent No.2 cancelling the extension period of agreement for the period 05.10.2026 to 04.10.2028 extended as per VC & Md, TGFDC Letter No.6.5.1644/PA/ET/2015-16, dated 09.11.2024 as per 36th Board Meeting held on 18.12.2023 is admittedly, without putting the petitioner on prior notice indicating the proposed action as is evident from the order impugned dated 23.04.2026 itself issued by the 2nd respondent to the petitioner herein. Hence, there shall be interim suspension of the impugned proceedings in Ref. No. 6.5.1644/ PA/ ET/2015-16/222, dated 23.04.2026 issued by the respondent No.2 and also interim suspension of show-cause notice seeking petitioner's reply for violation of terms and conditions of Agreement vide Ref.No.6.5.1644/PA/ET/2015-

**16/23, dated 23.04.2026 and also stay of all further proceedings
in pursuance to the said two impugned orders till 18.06.2026.**

Sd/- MOHD.ISMAIL
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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2. The Vice Chairman and Managing Director Telangana Forest Development Corporation, (Government of Telangana Undertaking) Registered office at Botanical Garden, Gate no.2, Masjid Banda Road, Kothaguda post office, Kondapur, Hyderabad 500084
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(Addressees 1 to 6 by SPAD)
7. One CC to Sri. T Surya Satish Advocate [OPUC]
8. Two CC to GP for Forests, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
9. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

SN, J

DATED: 04-05-2026

NOTE: LIST ON 11.06.2026

ORDER

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