



IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

**AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 15972 OF 2026

Between:

**RAJESH KUMAR SAHU @ RAJESHWARI SAHU, W/o Rajesh Kumar Sahu,
Age.43 years Occ. Owner of the Vehicle, R/o H.No754/40, Near Mukbadhir
School, Ward 63, Raipur, Mathapuraina, Mathpurena, Raipur Chhattisgarh
State**

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Principal Secretary Consumer Affairs Food and Civil Supplies TS Secretariat Buildings Hyderabad
2. The Additional Collector Civil Supply, At Medak District
3. The Deputy Tahsildar, Civil Supply At Narsingi Mandal Medak District
4. The Girdawar, at Narsingi Narsingi Mandal Medak District
5. The Station House officer, Narsingi Narsingi Mandal Medak 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 Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents seizing the Petitioner's Lorry vehicle bearing No CG 08 AT 5400 under the cover of seizure panchanama dated 17-04-2026 by kept the vehicle in the custody of the 5th respondent police station in connection with FIR No53 of 2026 dated 17-04-2026 is illegal arbitrary and against the principles of natural justice and also violation of Articles 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent No2 to release the vehicle to the petitioner.



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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 2nd respondent to release the Petitioner's Lorry vehicle bearing No CG 08 AT 5400 which was seized in connection with FIR No53 of 2026 dated 17-04-2026 pending disposal of the main writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI. LAXMAIAH KANCHANI

Counsel for the Respondents No 1 To 4: AGP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

Counsel for the Respondent No.5: AGP FOR HOME

The Court made the following: ORDER



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

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION No.15972 OF 2026

DATE: 06.05.2026

Between :

Rameshwari Sahu @ Rajeshwari Sahu

... **Petitioner**

A n d

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies,
T.S. Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad
and 4 others

... **Respondents**

ORDER

**Heard Sri Kanchani Laxmaiah learned counsel
appearing on behalf of the petitioner, learned
Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies
appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 to 4 and
the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home
appearing on behalf of the respondent No.5.**

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



"...to issue a Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents seizing the Petitioner's Lorry vehicle bearing No.CG 08 AT 5400 under the cover of seizure panchanama dated 17-04-2026 by kept the vehicle in the custody of the 5th respondent police station in connection with F.I.R. No.53 of 2026, dated 17.04.2026 is illegal, arbitrary and against the principles of natural justice and also violation of Articles 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent No.2 to release the vehicle to the petitioner and to pass such other order or orders and to pass".

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:-

(i) The petitioner is the owner of Lorry bearing No. CG 08 AT 5400 and ekes out livelihood by renting the said vehicle for transportation.

(ii) On 14.04.2026 when the respondent No.5 was conducting vehicle check near Vallu, the lorry of the petitioner was found with a stock of 343.40 quintals of PDS rice against the Government policy and the respondent No.5 had registered a case against the petitioner in Cr.No.53 of



2026, dated 17.04.2026 under Section 318 (4) of BNS and Section 7 (1) of E.C. Act, 1955. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

PERUSED THE RECORD

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner is only seeking release of the vehicle i.e., Lorry bearing Registration No. CG 08 AT 5400 subject to the final outcome of the proceedings initiated against the petitioner under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner further contends that, under similar circumstances, this Court passed orders in favour of the petitioner thereunder in W.P. No. 7611 of 2026 *vide* its order dated 12.03.2026, granting release of the seized vehicle on certain terms and conditions and hence petitioner herein is also entitled for grant of similar relief to the petitioner.



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6. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies as well as the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home do not dispute the said submission made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner.

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, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Civil Supplies appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 to 3 and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home appearing on behalf of the respondent No.4,

(c) 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 release the petitioner's vehicle i.e., Lorry bearing Registration No. CG 08 AT 5400 subject



to the petitioner furnishing bank guarantee by way of fixed deposit for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) in favour of respondent No.2 and also furnishing undertaking that the petitioner will not alienate the subject vehicle or alter its nature or create any encumbrance on it. The release of the vehicle shall be subject to the outcome of the confiscation proceedings under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The petitioner is also directed to appear before the authorities and co-operate with the proceedings under Section 6-A of the Act. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

Sd/-B. REKHA RANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Note: That the last paragraph of the order dated 16.07.2026 in W.P. No.15972/2026 is modified and substituted as per the orders of the Hon'ble Court dated 16.07.2026 in I.A No.02/2026.

This amended order shall substitute the earlier order which has already been dispatched on 22.05.2026.

Sd/-B. REKHA RANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary Consumer Affairs Food and Civil Supplies, State of Telangana, TS Secretariat Buildings Hyderabad



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4. The Girdawar, at Narsingi Narsingi Mandal Medak District
5. The Station House officer, Narsingi Narsingi Mandal Medak District
6. One CC to SRI. LAXMAIAH KANCHANI, Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME ,High Court for the State of Telangana At Hyderabad. [OUT]
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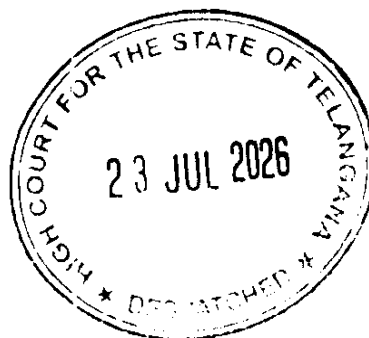
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**HIGH COURT
SN, J**

CC TODAY

DATED: 06/05/2026

16/07/2026



AMENDED ORDER

WP.No.15972 of 2026

DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION

WITHOUT COSTS

(13)
23/07/26
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