

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

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

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 21131 OF 2026

Between:

Gurram Borranna, S/o: Ashanna, Aged about 50 years, Occ. President Fishermen Co-operative Society Ltd, Peechara, R/o Peechara Village, Laxman Chanda, Nirmal District.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Diary Development And Fisheries Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Director, Fisheries Department, Shanti Nagar, Hyderabad.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Nirmal District.
4. The Sub Divisional Police Officer, Nirmal Sub-Division, Nirmal District.
5. The District Collector, Nirmal District.
6. The District Fisheries Officer, Nirmal District.
7. The Station House Officer, Laxmanchanda Police Station, Nirmal District.
8. District Panchayath Officer, Nirmal 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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of Respondent Nos.3 to 8, in failing to protect and enforce the exclusive fishing rights lawfully granted in favour of the petitioner Society under the proceedings No.TS /NML/LS-1/2026, dated 23.04.2026, issued by Respondent No.6, and in failing to prevent the unlawful interference of

certain Village Development Committee (VDC) members and villagers with the petitioner's lawful fishing operations, despite the communication of Respondent No.6 dated 05.05.2026 and the petitioner's representations dated 16.06.2026, as being illegal, arbitrary, violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to G.O.Rt.No.268, dated 23.07.2021, and consequently direct Respondent Nos.3 to 8 to provide adequate and effective police protection to the petitioner Society and its members for carrying on fishing operations in Oora Cheruvu, Brahman Kunta, Govindarama Kunta, Kummari Kunta and Mallaiah Cheruvu (Raai Kunta) situated at Peechara Village, Laxmanchanda Mandal, Nirmal District.

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 writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct Respondent Nos.3 to 8 to provide immediate and adequate police protection to the petitioner Society and its members while carrying on fishing operations in Oora Cheruvu, Brahman Kunta, Govindarama Kunta, Kummari Kunta and Mallaiah Cheruvu (Raai Kunta) situated at Peechara Village, Laxmanchanda Mandal, Nirmal District, and to ensure that no Village Development Committee (VDC), village committee or any unauthorized person interferes with the petitioner's lawful fishing activities, pending disposal of the Writ Petition.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

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 respondent authorities to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 09-07-2026 to extend the fishing period granted in favour of the petitioner Society in respect of Oora Cheruvu, Brahmana Kunta, Govindarama Kunta, Raai Kunta and Kummari Kunta situated at Peechara Village, Laxmanchanda Mandal, Nirmal District and further direct respondent Nos.3, 4 and 7 to provide adequate police protection to the petitioner Society and its members during the said extended period, pending disposal of W.P. No. 21131 of 2026.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI D. L. PANDU

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1,2 and 6: AGP FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDARY

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.3,4 and 7: AGP FOR HOME

Counsel for the Respondent No.5: AGP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondent No.8: AGP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ

The Court made the following: ORDER

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

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION No.21131 of 2026

DATE: 22.07.2026

Between :

Gurram Borranna

...Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana and others

... Respondents

ORDER

**Heard Mr.D.L.Pandu, learned counsel
appearing on behalf of the petitioner, learned
Assistant Government Pleader for Animal
Husbandry appearing on behalf of respondent
Nos.1, 2 and 6, learned Assistant Government
Pleader for Home appearing on behalf of
respondent Nos.3, 4 and 7, learned Assistant
Government Pleader for Revenue appearing on
behalf of respondent No.5 and learned Assistant**

**Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj appearing
on behalf of respondent No.8.**

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

"...to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of Respondent Nos.3 to 8 in failing to protect and enforce the exclusive fishing rights lawfully granted in favour of the petitioner Society under the proceedings No.TS /NML/LS-1/2026, dated 23.04.2026, issued by Respondent No.6, and in failing to prevent the unlawful interference of certain Village Development Committee (VDC) members and villagers with the petitioner's lawful fishing operations, despite the communication of Respondent No.6 dated 05.05.2026 and the petitioner's representations dated 16.06.2026, as being illegal, arbitrary, violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to G.O.Rt.No.268, dated 23.07.2021, and consequently direct Respondent Nos.3 to 8 to provide adequate and effective police protection to the petitioner Society and its members for carrying on fishing operations in Oora Cheruvu, Brahman Kunta, Govindarama Kunta, Kummari Kunta and Mallaiah Cheruvu (Raai Kunta) situated at Peechara Village Laxmanchanda Mandal, Nirmal District and 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:**

The petitioner is the President of a registered Fishermen Cooperative Society with 53 members who are dependent on fishing for their livelihood. By proceedings dated 23.04.2026, the District Fisheries Officer/Ex Officio Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies granted exclusive fishing rights over five water bodies in Peechara Village to the petitioner Society and the grant remains valid.

Pursuant to the said proceedings dated 23.04.2026, the subject Society, having complied with all the grant conditions, commenced fishing operations. Subsequently, certain members of the Village Development Committee (VDC) and villagers allegedly obstructed its fishing activities. While matters stood thus, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nirmal Division, addressed a letter dated 27.04.2026 seeking clarification from the District Fisheries Officer.

The District Fisheries Officer, by letter dated 05.05.2026, confirmed the petitioner's exclusive fishing rights and requested the police to extend the necessary protection. However, despite the petitioner's representation dated 16.06.2026, the respondents failed to prevent the illegal interference. 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 mainly puts forth the following submissions:

4.1. The petitioner is not insisting for the grant of the main prayer, as sought for in the present writ petition. But, however, the limited relief sought for by the petitioner in the present writ petition is a direction to

respondent No.5 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 09.07.2026 in accordance to law and pass appropriate orders.

4.2. The Fishermen Society of Peechara Village is being represented by the petitioner in the present writ petition, there are five (5) ponds situated in the said village and the permission had been granted to the petitioner Fishermen Co-operative Society to undertake fishing operations in the said five (5) ponds in the Peechara Village and the same had expired on 30.06.2026.

4.3. The petitioner intends to continue fishing operations in the said ponds and therefore, submitted a representation dated 09.07.2026 to respondent No.5, i.e., the District Collector, Nirmal District, seeking extension of the fishing permission in respect of the said five (5) ponds and also requesting that police

protection be provided to enable the petitioner to carry on fishing activities without any interference.

4.4. Though representation had been received by the office of respondent No.5 herein, no orders have been passed on the said representation as on date.

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 in I.A.No.2 of 2026 in W.P.No.21131 of 2026.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Animal Husbandry appearing on behalf of respondent Nos.1, 2 and 6 and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing on behalf of respondent No.5 submit that the writ petition could be disposed of directing respondent No.5 to consider the grievance of the petitioner as put forth by the petitioner's representation dated

09.07.2026 addressed to respondent No.5 seeking extension of fishing permission to the petitioner Fishermen Co-operative Society in respect of the five(5) ponds situated in Peechara Village and also to provide police protection for conducting the fishing activities in the said five (5) ponds in Peechara Village, in accordance to law within a reasonable period.

6. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner does not dispute the said submission made by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Animal Husbandry appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos.1, 2 and 6, and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing on behalf of respondent No.5.

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, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Animal Husbandry appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos.1, 2 and 6, and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing on behalf of respondent No.5,

c) The contents of the petitioner's representation, dated 09.07.2026 addressed to the District Collector, Nirmal District i.e., respondent No.5 herein,

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

The writ petition is disposed of directing respondent No.5 to consider the request of the petitioner herein pertaining to extension of fishing permission in respect of the five (5) ponds

situated in Peechara Village and to permit fishing activities to the petitioner Fishermen Co-operative Society herein duly providing police protection within a period two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order in accordance to law, in conformity with principles of natural justice by providing an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner and pass appropriate orders on the said representation of the petitioner, dated 09.07.2026 and duly communicate the decision thereon to the petitioner herein. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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SD/- L.VIJAYA LAXMI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Diary Development And Fisheries Department, Secretariat, The State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Director, Fisheries Department, Shanti Nagar, Hyderabad.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Nirmal District.
4. The Sub Divisional Police Officer, Nirmal Sub-Division, Nirmal District.

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7. The Station House Officer, Laxmanchanda Police Station, Nirmal District.
8. District Panchayath Officer, Nirmal District.
9. One CC to Sri D. L. Pandu, Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CCs to the GP for Animal Husbandry, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad[OUT]
11. Two CCs to the GP for Home, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad[OUT]
12. Two CCs to the GP for Revenue, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad[OUT]
13. Two CCs to the GP for Panchayat Raj, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad[OUT]
14. Two CD Copies

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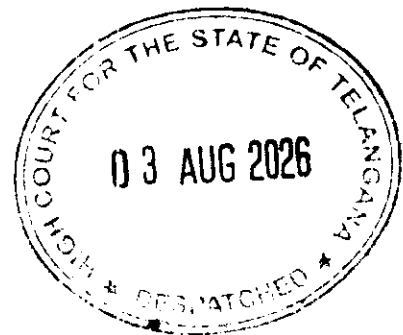
HIGH COURT

CC TODAY

DATED: 22/07/2026

ORDER

WP.No.21131 of 2026



DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS

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