

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

MAIN CASE No: W.P.No.22044 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	Date	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
2.	04.08.2026	<u>HCJ (AKrS,J) & GMM,J</u> Mr. L.Ravi Chander, learned Senior Counsel represents Mr. Mayur Mundra, learned counsel for the petitioners. Ms. Adepu Divya, learned Special Government Pleader attached to the office of learned Advocate General, appears for respondent Nos.1 to 3. The writ petition assails the constitutional validity of Sections 96 and 97 of the Telangana Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 as amended by Act 11 of 2025 on the ground that they reduced the Founder Trustee to a mere member and confer extensive powers on a Government constituted Board in violation of Articles 14, 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners has referred to decision rendered in the case of Pannalal Bansilal Pitti v. State of A.P. [(1996) 2 SCC 498] which upheld the abolition of hereditary Trusteeship but recognised the special role of founders and founder Family Members in preserving the customs, traditions and administration of Hindu Religious institutions. The impugned amendment provides a statutory framework for constituting the Board of Trustees of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadagirigutta. By virtue of Section 96(2)(vi), the Founder Trustee was provided only the status of a founder trustee member with voting rights instead of being the Chairmanship of the	

		Board, which is contrary to the law declared by the Supreme Court. It is submitted that by G.O.Ms.No.392 dated 30.06.2026, the Government has constituted the Board of Trustees appointing Sri M.Satyanarayana Reddy as Chairman while treating the Founder Trustee only as a Member. It appears from submission of learned State Counsel that a similar challenge is pending before this Court in W.P.No.11254 of 2025 and analogous cases. Therefore, let the instant matter be listed along with that W.P.No.11254 of 2025. Issue notice on the unofficial respondents. Meanwhile, counter affidavit be filed in the present matter. HCJ (AKrS,J) GMM,J KL	
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