

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

**THURSDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF AUGUST  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE T.MADHAVI DEVI**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 24525 OF 2025**

**Between:**

Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Rice Working Company, Rep. by its Proprietor  
Narasimha Rao Kota, S/o Radha Krishna Murthy, Aged 38 years, Occ,  
Business, R/o Door No. 11-428, Opp- HP Petrol Bunk, Pedavadlapudi Village,  
Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, 522503

**...PETITIONER/Owner of the Stock**

**AND**

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Consumer Affairs,  
Food and Civil Supplies T.S Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad
2. The Additional Collector (CS), Sangareddy District
3. The Deputy Tahsildar (CS), Yaprak, Sangareddy District
4. The Station House officer, Patancheru, Sangareddy 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 President/  
Secretary particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declare the  
seizure of stocks of 297 Quintals or 590 bags' of rice of the petitioner basing on  
the panchanama conducted on 06-08-2025 (in Cr.No.704/2025) by the 3rd and  
4<sup>th</sup> respondent is illegal, improper and without any power or authority under  
law, violation of Article 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India

**IA NO: 1 OF 2025**

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 Respondents to release the seized stocks of 297 Quintals or 590 bags of rice of the petitioner basing on the panchanarna conducted on 06-08-2025 (in Cr.No.704/2025) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respondent pending disposal of the main Writ petition

**Counsel for the Petitioner: Ms. C. SUNITHA KUMARI**

**Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1to3: GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES**

**Counsel for the Respondent No.4: GP FOR HOME**

**The Court made the following: ORDER**

**THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE T. MADHAVI DEVI**

**WRIT PETITION No.24525 of 2025**

**ORDER:**

This Writ Petition arises out of the proceedings dated 06.08.2025 wherein under a cover of panchanama, 297.00 quintals of rice of the petitioner has been seized and a case in Crime No.704 of 2025 on the file of Patancheru Police Station, Sangareddy has been registered. The petitioner is seeking interim release of the stock of rice subject to confiscation proceedings under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 issued by the authorities.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies appearing on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and learned Government Pleader for Home appearing on behalf of respondent No.4. Perused the material on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a trader dealing with business of purchasing, supplying and selling of rice to the retailer

and as a part of the same, the petitioner sold 297.00 quintals of rice to Shree Vijay Rice Mill situated in Gujarat State through Tax Invoice dated 05.08.2025. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that when the same was being transported to Gujarat by lorry bearing No. GJ 18 BW 4361, the authorities intercepted the lorry and seized the stock of rice. It is submitted that the subject rice under transportation is not PDS rice and under a misconception that it is PDS rice, the same has been seized by the authorities.

4. Having regard to the fact that the rice which was under transportation was seized by the authorities and the proceedings under Section 6- A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 have already been initiated against the petitioner and the said proceedings are likely to take some time for conclusion and the rice is likely to get damaged because of such time lapse, this Court is inclined to grant interim custody of the rice which was seized by the authorities on terms. The respondents are directed to release the stock of rice

which was seized by the authorities subject to the condition of the petitioner furnishing third party security equal to the value of the stock of rice which has been seized by the authorities, to respondent No.2. The release of the stock of rice shall be subject to the outcome of the confiscation proceedings under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 which have been initiated against the petitioner.

5. The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

Miscellaneous applications, if any, pending in this writ petition, shall stand closed.

SD/-N. SRIHARI  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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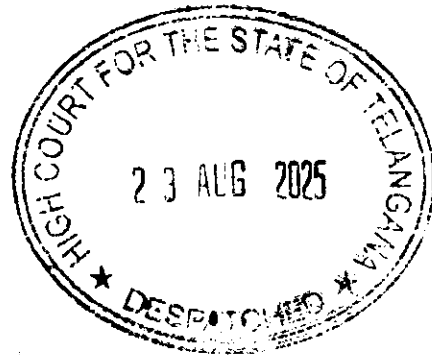
1. The Principal Secretary, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies T.S Secretariat Buildings, T.S., Hyderabad
2. The Additional Collector (CS), Sangareddy District
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5. One CC to Ms. C. SUNITHA KUMARI, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad [OUT]
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**HIGH COURT**

**DATED:21/08/2025**



**ORDER**

**WP.No.24525 of 2025**

**DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION  
WITHOUT COSTS**

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23/8/25