

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

**FRIDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 25080 OF 2025

Between:

1. M. Venkat Reddy, S/o Late M. Anthi reddy
2. Md. Sadiq, S/o Md Hazi

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Telangana, rep by its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Hyderabad.
2. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, rep by its Commissioner, Tank Bund Hyderabad
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Secunderabad circle, Hyderabad

...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 writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in seizing the part of the house property of H. No. 12-13-1152/10 situated at Kimty colony, Tarnaka, Secunderabad on 08.08.2025 on the ground of nonpayment of tax and non taking the valid trade license by pasting the notice dated 08.08.2025 on the seized property without issuing any notice and giving the opportunity even though the petitioner made representation on 11.03.2024 as arbitrary and illegal and in violation of the principles of natural justice and contrary to the provisions of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act consequently direct the respondents to open the seized property;

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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 respondent 2 & 3 to open the seized property for H.No.12-13-1152/10, Kimty colony, Tarnaka, Secunderabad on 08.08.2025, pending disposal of WP 25080 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Gudi Madhusudhan Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR MCPL ADMN URBAN DEV, for the Respondent, the Court made the following.

ORDER

Learned Standing Counsel for GHMC submitted that three cheques have been issued by the petitioner for Rs.1,00,000/- each as part payment towards outstanding property tax of Rs.6,40,000/-, have been dishonored. Thus, property of the petitioner was seized. To that effect, the impugned notice dated 08.08.2025 was issued.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that since the petitioner has been requesting GHMC to assess the property tax, initially, the tax was assessed at Rs.11,235/- prior to 2012. In the year 2012, tax was enhanced to Rs.24,146/- annually.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that measurements of the property were not properly noted. The plot of the petitioner admeasures 213 square yards i.e. 1911 square feet. However, the property tax assessment is made showing the area of 4700 square feet. In fact, the petitioner submitted representations on 11.03.2024 to the respondent Nos.2 and 3 to revise the property tax by conducting necessary enquiry. But it was not conducted. The 2nd petitioner is tenant of 1st petitioner, residing in part of the subject property and is running a mechanic shop.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are put to irreparable loss and injury on account of seizure of the property and that a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- will be paid subject to revision of property tax.

Considering the same, there shall be interim direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to open the seized property and release it to the petitioner on condition of depositing Rs.3,00,000/- to respondent No.3. The petitioner shall continue to pay current property tax until further orders.

List this matter on 12.09.2025.

SD/-N.CHANDRA SHEKAR RAO
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Hyderabad
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Secunderabad circle, Hyderabad(**Addresses 1 to 3 by RPAD**)
4. One CC to Sri. Gudi Madhusudhan Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR MCPL ADMN URBAN DEV, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
6. One spare copy
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HIGH COURT

BVR,J

DATED:22/08/2025

NOTE: LIST THIS MATTER ON 12.09.2025.

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