

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA HYDERABAD

MAIN CASE No: W.P.Nos.32920, 32991 and 32994 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

SL. NO	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	01.10.2026	<u>GMM, J</u> Heard Mr. R. N. Hemendranath Reddy, learned Senior Counsel representing Mr. Sannapaneni Lohit, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mrs. B. Mohana Reddy, learned Government Pleader for Agriculture and Co-operative Society appearing for the respondents. Learned Senior Counsel submits that the impugned G.O.Rt. No.589, dated 18.09.2026, is illegal, violation of the principles of natural justice, contrary to the provisions of the Telangana Co-Operative Societies Act, 1964 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and Articles 14 and 243ZK of the Constitution of India. Learned Senior Counsel submits that the petitioners were not issued with any notice calling for their explanation in respect of the allegations leveled against them before the purported reports were prepared by the Registrar and respondent No.3. The said reports were not even furnished to the petitioners before issuance of the impugned G.O. Learned Senior Counsel also submits that the aforesaid action is in violation of the principles of natural justice. It is further submitted that, till date, there is no complaint	Tr. to IO folder before corrections.

		against any of the petitioners, nor is there been any statutory enquiry pending against them regarding mis-management of the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies (PACS) during their tenure. It is further submitted that in fact, respondent No.3 himself certified <i>vide</i> proceedings dated 02.09.2025 that the petitioners are fit, suitable and capable for being continued and had extended permission to the petitioners as persons-in-charge. According to the learned Senior Counsel, the impugned G.O. is, therefore, contrary to the said proceedings itself and it is based on unfounded allegations. Learned Senior Counsel further submits that the impugned G.O. is not a <i>bona fide</i> exercise of statutory power, but is, in fact, a continuation of the very same pattern adopted earlier through the G.O.Rt. No.597, dated 19.12.2025, which was suspended by this Court. Further, the said G.O. has been withdrawn by the Government and the Government has now resorted to the impugned G.O. to achieve the very same result under the guise of purported reports alleging irregularities against the petitioners. Learned Senior Counsel placed reliance on the judgment of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh in M. Ranga Reddy v. State of Andhra Pradesh (1987 SCC Online AP 107) contending that the discretionary power under Section 32 (7) of the Act must be exercised judicially and the Government cannot appoint anyone of its choice	
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		without considering the democratically elected outgoing Managing Committee, which has not been found guilty of any irregularities or mal-practices. Learned Government Pleader for Agriculture and Co-operative Society appearing for the respondents submits that the Government has power and authority under Section 32(7) of the Act, to appoint any person as person-in-charge for the PACS. The impugned G.O. was issued based on the report of the Registrar of Co-Operative Societies, which in turn, was based on the report of the District Co-Operative Officer, based on a statutory audit. Learned Government Pleader further submits that serious lapses, structural failures and statutory violations have been committed by the persons-in-charge, during their tenure. It is further submitted that the petitioners have no vested right to continue as the Managing Committee of the PACS, since their elected tenure is over. The Government is in exercise of appointing unofficial persons-in-charge based on the assessment and functioning of the Society in the audit reports. Learned Government Pleader further submits that the issuance of the G.O. does not conflict with the observations of this Court in W.P. No.39992 of 2026 and batch, which categorically records that “It is however observed that till a decision is taken by the Government on the subject issue, the elected Managing	
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	Committee existing as on 14.02.2025 shall continue. However, there shall be no order as to costs.” After the submissions made by both the parties, it has been brought to the notice of this Court that several similar matters challenging identical G.Os., have been listed on 07.10.2026 for hearing. List these matters along with the other similar matters. GMM,J <i>pns</i>	
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