

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE PULLA KARTHIK

WRIT PETITION NO: 15152 OF 2025

Between:

1. Vetti Laxmaiah, s/o kannaiiah
2. Madakam somaiah, s/o Rame'sh
3. Sodi Veeraiah, s/o Gangaiah,
4. Madakam Bheemaiah, s/o Chukkaiah
5. Podiam Solomon, s/o Pullaiah
6. Shamala Laxmaiah, s/o Muthaiah
7. Madivi Ramaiah, s/o Singaiah
8. Sodi Baburao, s/o Ermaiah
9. Madivi Sammaiah, s/o Singaiah
10. Kanithi Ramesh, s/o Pullaiah
11. Sodi Barak, s/o Kanakaraju
12. Sodi Muthaiah, s/o Eramaiah
13. Madivi Vijay, s/o Ramesh
14. Sodi Bheemaiah, s/o Gangaiah
15. Madakam Kosa, s/o Bheemaiah
16. Vetti Seetharam, s/o Laxmaiah
17. Madivi Arjun, s/o Singaiah
18. Sodi Andrus, s/o Rajulu
19. Kunjam Laxmaiah, s/o Mailaiah
20. Sodi Nangaiah, s/o Dharaiah
21. Kattam Venkaiah(hinkaiah), s/o Ermaiah
22. Madivi Bhadramma, w/o Srinu
23. Yalam Sammakka, s/o Surendar
24. Madivi Nagesh, s/o Dharmaj
25. Madivi Bheemaiah, s/o Jogaiah
26. Boggam Laxmaiah, s/o Thammaiah
27. Madakam Kannamma, s/o Nandhaiah
28. Sodi Muthaiah, s/o Bheemaiah
29. Madivi Jogaiah, s/o Singaiah
30. Madakam Pandu, s/o Vungaiah
31. Madivi Suman, s/o Bojjaiah
32. Madakam Sanjay, s/o Dulalaiah
33. Madivi Deepak, s/o Vingaiah
34. Madivi Krishna, s/o Muthaiah
35. Madivi Nagesh, w/o Ramaiah
36. Madivi Seethamma, s/o Singaiah

37. Madakam Jithendra, s/o Sammaiah,

Petitioners

AND

1. The Principal Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The District Collector, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.
3. The Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency, Bhadrachalam, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.
4. The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.
5. The Forest Range Officer, Aswapuram Range, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.
6. The Forest Section Officer, Iravendi Section, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.
7. The Forest Beat Officer, Iravendi Beat, Bhadradi Kothagudem 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.

a) Issue a Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the actions of Respondents in attempting to evict the petitioners and digging trenches in their cultivated lands at Chintakunta Village, Mothepattinagar GP, Iravendi Beat, Aswapuram Range, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, despite pending claims under the ROFR Act, 2006, as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of Section 4(5) of the Act and Articles 14, 21 and 300A of the Constitution of India

b) Direct the Respondents not to interfere in the peaceful possession and cultivation of the Petitioners over the said forest lands until the recognition and verification of their rights under the Forest Rights Act is finally concluded.

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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 restrain the Respondents from evicting or dispossessing the Petitioners or digging any trenches or disturbing the possession of the Petitioners over their respective cultivated lands at Chintakunta Village, Mothepattinagar GP, Iravendi Beat, Aswapuram Range, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, despite pending claims forest lands, Pending disposal of WP 15152 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 NALLAPU MANIDEEP, Advocate for the Petitioners and GP FOR FORESTS for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER:

At the request of the learned Government Pleader, to file counter, post on 24-07-2025.

Pending the writ petition, the parties are directed to maintain status quo obtaining as on today in respect of the subject lands. However, under the guise of this order, the petitioners shall not attempt to encroach the forest land.

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SD/- A. JAYASREE
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR



SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
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7. The Forest Beat Officer, Iravendi Beat, Bhadradi Kothagudem District. (1 to 7 by RPAD)
8. One CC to SRI NALLAPU MANIDEEP, Advocate [OPUC]
9. Two CCs to GP FOR FORESTS, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
10. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

PK,J

DATED:26/06/2025

post on 24-07-2025

ORDER

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DIRECTION

