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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3604]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 20th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUNITHA GANDHAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 16210/2026

Between:

1. CHEBROLU HARI BABU, S/O VENKATA PRASAD RAO, AGED 60 YEARS, R/O.NEAR'JENDA CHETTU MAIN ROAD, MULUKUDURU (POST), PONNURU MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522315.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, GUNTUR DISTRICT AT GUNTUR.
3. THE COMMISSIONER FOR COOPERATION REGISTRAR OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
4. THE DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OFFICER, GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 topleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action on the part of the 10th Respondent in proceeding to register a criminal case against petitioner pursuant to the letter vide F.No./Estt./2026- 27 dated 10.04.2026 issued by the 6th Respondent as illegal, arbitrary, malafide, discriminatory, violative of principles of natural justice and violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and Consequently, quashing the letter dated 10.04.2026 authorizing the filing of a criminal complaint against petitioner and directing

the Respondents, particularly Respondents 9 and 10, not to register any FIR or take any coercive steps including arrest, custodial interrogation or any other penal action against petitioner pursuant to the aforesaid letter dated 10.04.2026 and pass

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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 leased to suspend the operation of letter in F.No./Estt./2026-27 dated 10.04.2026 issued by the 6th Respondent and consequently direct the Respondents 9 and 10, not to register any FIR or take any coercive steps including arrest, custodial interrogation or any other penal action against petitioner pursuant to the aforesaid letter dated 10.04.2026, pending disposal of the writ petition, pending disposal of the main writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. B V S CHALAPATI RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. SIREESHA CH
2. GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE SUNITHA GANDHAM

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ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed to declare the action of the respondent No.10 in proceeding to register a criminal case against the petitioner pursuant to the letter dated 10.04.2026 issued by the respondent No.6 as illegal, arbitrary and violative of principles of natural justice and consequently, direct the respondent Nos.9 and 10, not to register any FIR or to take any coercive steps.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner. Learned Assistant Government Pleader takes notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1, 9 & 10 and submitted that crime has already been registered *vide* F.I.R.No.99 of 2026 on 07.05.2026 by the Station House Officer, Ponnuru Town Police Station.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner also fairly submitted that crime is already registered against the petitioner and as such, this Writ Petition may be disposed of with a direction to the investigating officer to follow the procedure in accordance with law.

4. **In the result**, this Writ Petition is dismissed as infructuous, however, the investigating officer i.e. SHO of Ponnuru Town Police Station, is directed to proceed in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

SUNITHA GANDHAM, J

20.08.2026

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