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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 1st DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 16205 OF 2026

Between:

1. Kondamedi Venkateswara Rao, S/o Habumi nth Rao, Aged about 45 years, R/o,Garapadu Village, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District.

2. Ganesu Madhava Rao, S/o Kotiah,i Aged about 60 years, Rio R/o,Garapadu Village, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District.

3. Podile Krishna Rao, S/o,Raghavaiah, Aged atout 65 years, R/o,Garapadu Village, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District. Palnadu District.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj Department, SecretariatBuildings, Velagapudi, Guntur Disrict, Andhra Pradesh-522238

2. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Krishna District-520001

3. The District Collector, Narasaraopet, Palnadu District-522601

4. The District Panchayat Officer, Palnadu. District at Narasaraopet-522601

5. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer MPDO, fir Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District- 522402

6. TheTahsildar, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District- 522402

7. The Garapadu Gram Panchayat, Rep. by its Panchayat Secretary, Garapadu Village, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District- 52240

...Respondents

Counsel for the Petitioners: THOKA DEVA DEEPAK ANIRUDH YADAV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV Counsel for the Respondents:GP FOR REVENUE Counsel for the Respondents:Mattegunta.Sudhir,Standing Counsel For Z.P.Ps,M.P.Ps,Gram Panchayats

The Court made the following order:

Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned Standing Cousnel for Gram Panchayat.

2. Prayer sought in the Writ Petition is as under:

> "……. to issue a writ order or orders, especially in the form of WRIT OF MANDAMUS, declaring the action of the Respondents in proposing to convert, alienate, assign, transfer, or allot the Grama Samudayapu Beedu/Grama Samudayam/Village Communal Waste/Poramboke lands admeasuring Ac. 316.078 cents situated in various LPM Surveys, including Survey Nos.1223, 1224, 1225, 1211, 112, 110, 90, 21, 172, 750, 67, 74, 78, 79, 49, 99, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1243, 838, 113, 117, 116, 92, 84, 91, 66, 63, 68, 72, 77, 83, 89, 76, 1948, 82, 1950, 88, 1949, 929, 927 Numbers of Garapadu Village, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District, in favour of private companies or private entities for commercial or industrial purposes, as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, violative of the Andhra Pradesh Board Standing Orders, contrary to the provisions of law, and violative of Articles 14, 21, and 300A of the Constitution of India, without issuing any notice is highly illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently directs the respondents not to interfere with the peaceful .possession and enjoyment of the petitioners' properties situated in an extent of Ac. 316.078 and pass…."

3. Case of the petitioners is that they are enjoying the aforementioned lands and cultivating the same without any interruption. The subject lands are classified and recorded as 'Grama Samudayapu Beedu', 'Grama Samudayam', Village Communcal Waste' and 'Poramboke lands, which are meant for common use, welfare and benefit of the villagers. The said classification is also reflected in the village revenue records.

4. It is further submitted that the petitioners came to know that the respondent authorities are proposing to convert and allot the subject lands for

commercial and industrial purpose. In this connection, the District Collector also inspected the subject lands. Hence, the petitioners submitted the representation dated 01.04.2026 to the respondent authorities requesting to refrain from proceeding with the proposed allotment and to protect the communal lands for the benefit of the villagers.

5. Learned Standing Counsel submitted the written instructions furnished by the Panchayat Secretary, Garapadu Village, Pedakurapadu Mandal, Palnadu District. Copy of it is also furnished to the learned counsel for the petitioners.

6. In the written instructions, it is clearly stated that the respondent authorities have no authority to convert the Gram Samudayapu Beedu/Grama Samudayam/Village Communal Waste/Paoramboke lands and further stated that they have not passed any resolution relating to conversion of thesubject lands. The written instructions are placed on record.

7. Having noted the same, the Writ Petition is disposed of, with a direction to the respondent authorities to dispose of the representation of the petitioners dated 01.04.2026 in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this Order. No order as to Costs.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in the Writ Petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

Dt: 01.07.2026
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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	☑

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

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