

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.SHRAVAN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO: 23809 OF 2026

Between:

1. Lingaiah Ravula, S/o R. Anjaiah, Aged about 40 years, Occ. Business, R/o H.No.5-80, Anthammagudem, BhoodanPochampally, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District.
2. Anitha Pagidi, W/o Pagidi Rajaiah, Aged about 35 years, Occ. Household, R/o 10-34, Appareddypally, Arror, Valigonda, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District.

.....PETITIONERS

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Mines and Geology Department, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Assistant Director, Mines and Geology Department, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Telangana State.
3. The Station House Officer, Pochampally Police Station, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri 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 issue Writ, Order or Direction especially one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in not releasing the petitioners Goods Carriages bearing Nos.TS 30 TA 5967 and TG 30 T 8486 by collecting as per GO Ms No.15 dt.19-02-2015 is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 19(1) (g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents 2 and 3 to release the

Goods Carriages (Lorries) bearing Nos. TS 30 TA 5967 and TG 30 T 8486 in favour of the petitioners by collecting penalty as per GO Ms No.15 dt.19-02-2015.

I.A.NO:1 OF 2026

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 respondents 2 & 3 to release the Goods Carriages (Lories) bearing Nos. TS 30 TA 5967 and TG 30 T 8486 in favour of the petitioners by collecting penalty as per GO Ms.No.15, dated 19-2-2015, pending disposal of the main writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner : SRI CH.RAVINDER

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 & 2 : GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY

Counsel for the Respondent No.3 : GP FOR HOME

The Court at the stage of admission made the following ORDER

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ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2, and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondent No.3. With their consent, this writ petition is taken up for disposal at the admission stage.

2. This writ petition is filed seeking the following relief:

"...to declare the action of respondent Nos.2 and 3 in seizing the petitioners' lorries bearing registration Nos. TS30TA5967 and TG30T8486 as illegal and arbitrary, being contrary to G.O.Ms.No.15, Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 19.02.2015, and consequently direct the respondents to release the said vehicles."

3. The case of the petitioners is that they are the owners of Lorries bearing registration Nos.TS30TA5967 and TG30T8486, which are being used for commercial transportation to eke out their livelihood. It is stated that on 08.07.2026, when the petitioners were transporting rice from SLV Rice Mill, Pochampally, to Kakinada Port under a valid permit, respondent No.3 intercepted and seized the subject vehicles and kept them in the custody of the Police Station. It is further stated that the respondents, without following the due procedure contemplated under Clause 13(3) of G.O.Ms.No.15, Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 19.02.2015, have not handed over the custody of the subject vehicles to the competent Court. The grievance of the petitioners is that despite repeated requests, the subject vehicles have not been released. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, in similar set of circumstances, this Court in W.P.No.31467 of 2025, by order dated 16.10.2025, passed the following order:

"7. In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side, this writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to petitioner to approach respondent No.3 by way of submitting representation along with all original documents in respect of the ownership of the subject vehicle and may inform respondent No.3 that they are ready to comply with Rule 12 of the Rules, 2015. On receipt

of the said representation, respondent No.3 shall consider and dispose the same in terms of Rule 12 of the Rules, 2015 within period of (02) weeks from the date of receipt of petitioner's representation."

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners, therefore, prays that this Court may pass similar orders in the present writ petition.

6. Learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, on instructions, submit that, on the basis of the complaint lodged by G. Srinivas, Police Constable, who, while performing Blue Colt duty along with another Police Constable, on the instructions of the SHO, Pochampally, and upon receiving credible information, informed the Assistant Director, Mines and Geology Department, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, who intercepted two lorries transporting approximately 60 to 65 metric tonnes of sand without any valid permit. Consequently, Crime No.135 of 2026 was registered on 08.07.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. It is further submitted that the lorries along with the sand were seized, statements of the complainant and witnesses were recorded, notices under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, were served on the accused, and the investigation is under progress. Upon completion of the

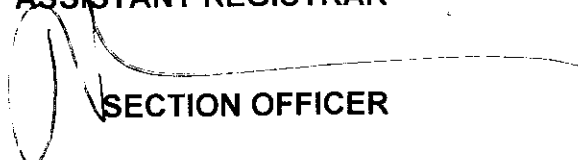
investigation, an appropriate final report will be filed before the jurisdictional Court.

7. In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side, and following the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.31467 of 2025, dated 16.10.2025, this writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioners to approach respondent No.3 by way of submitting a representation along with all original documents in respect of the ownership of the subject vehicles and may inform respondent No.3 that they are ready to comply with Rule 12 of the Rules, 2015. On receipt of said representation, respondent No.3 shall consider and dispose of the same in terms of Rule 12 of the Rules, 2015, within a period of two (02) weeks from the date of receipt of the petitioners' representation.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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SD/- C. DEEPIKA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To

1. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, State of Telangana at Hyderabad.
2. The Assistant Director, Mines and Geology Department, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Telangana State.
3. The Station House Officer, Pochampally Police Station, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District.
4. Two CC's to G.P FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. (OUT)
5. Two CC's to G.P FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. (OUT)
6. One CC to SRI CH.RAVINDER, Advocate [OPUC]
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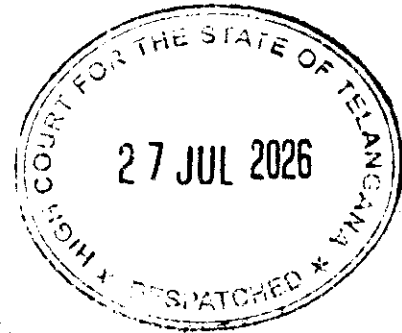
C.C. TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED: 24/07/2026

ORDER

WP.No.23809 of 2026



**DISPOSING OF THE W.P
AT THE STAGE OF ADMISSION
WITHOUT COSTS.**

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27/7/26