

***THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VILAS V.AFZULPURKAR***

**WRIT PETITION Nos.2476 and 2506 OF 2016**

**COMMON ORDER:**

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

The petitioners are given identical notices dated 18.12.2015 under Rule 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) Rules, 2007. Each of the petitioners through his counsel has filed detailed explanations denying the claim of the Tahsildar, Koduru Mandal, Krishna District, the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent. The explanations dated 02.01.2016 of the petitioners are sent by registered post with acknowledgement due and the same appear to have been acknowledged by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent on 05.01.2016. While the said proceedings are pending adjudication before the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent, alleging that on 18.01.2016 the officials of the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent came to the petitioners and threatened to dispossess them, these Writ Petitions are filed.

I am not able to see any reason for the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent to forcibly dispossess the petitioners when he has already given them the notices inviting explanations and since the petitioners have already filed their explanations, it is for the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent to consider the same and then pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

Though it appears that these Writ Petitions are filed only on an apprehension without there being any threat of dispossession of the petitioners, keeping in view the claim of the petitioners that they are in possession from 1994 onwards, it is appropriate to direct the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent to consider the explanations of the

petitioners and then take appropriate decision in accordance with law. Meanwhile, the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent shall not dispossess or otherwise interfere with the lands of the petitioners covered under the impugned notices.

The Writ Petitions are accordingly disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in these Writ Petitions shall stand closed.

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***VILAS V.AFZULPURKAR, J***

29.01.2016

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