

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

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WRIT PETITION No.4824 of 2016

ORDER:

The prayer of the petitioner in this case is as under:

“For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is prayed that the Hon’ble High Court may be pleased to issue a writ order or direction more particularly a Writ in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in proposing to auction the quarry lease granted in favour of the petitioner society in respect of Bridge Lanka area, Rajahmundry by issuing the tender notice dated 20.01.2016 as illegal, arbitrary and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to extract the sand as allotted to it and pass such other order or orders as this Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.”

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology stated that in the light of the changed policy of the State in relation to sand mining, all notifications issued earlier for grant of mining rights stand cancelled. A copy of Memo No.3066/M.II(1)/2016-3, dated 04.03.2016 issued by the Industries & Commerce Department of the State of Andhra Pradesh is placed on record and bears out this fact.

The prayer of the petitioner therefore does not survive for consideration on merits at this stage.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall also stand dismissed. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Date:15.03.2016
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