

HON' BLE SRI JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION No. 33594 of 2018

ORDER:

1) Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Government Pleader for Revenue. With the consent of both the parties, the writ petition is heard at the admission stage itself.

2) The present writ petition came to be filed seeking issuance of a writ of *mandamus*, declaring the action of the 4th respondent in not entertaining the document and insisting the petitioner to produce No Objection Certificate from revenue authorities, for registration in respect of the land admeasuring Ac.5-15 cents in Survey No.37-1, situated at Kunuthuru Village, Dharmavaram Mandal, Anantapuram district, as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional.

3) Section 71 of the Registration Act reads as follows:

Reasons for refusal to register to be recorded.—

(1) Every Sub-Registrar refusing to register a document, except on the ground that the property to which it relates is not situate within his sub-district, shall make an order of refusal and record his reasons for such order in his Book No. 2, and endorse the words “registration refused” on the document; and, on application made by any person executing or claiming under the document, shall, without payment and unnecessary delay, give him a copy of the reasons so recorded.

(2) No registering officer shall accept for registration a document so endorsed unless and until, under the

provisions hereinafter contained, the document is directed to be registered.

4) As per Section 71 of the Registration Act (for short “ the Act”), the 4th respondent is bound to receive the documents and register, if the same are in order as per Stamps and Registration Act and Rules made thereunder. If he wants to refuse the registration, he has to record the reasons as envisaged under Section 71 of the Act referred to above.

5) In view of the above, the 4th respondent is directed to register the document, if the same is in order as per provisions of Indian Stamp Act and Registration Act and the rules made thereunder and if he intends not to register the same, he shall record reasons and communicate the same to the parties.

6) With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

18.09.2018
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