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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3333]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE 30th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

CONTEMPT CASE NO: 681/2026

Between:

1. SMT VADISETTI NAGAMANI, , W/O. SURYANARAYANA REDDY, REP.,BY ITS PRESIDENT MALATHI MAHILA SHAKTHI SANGAM, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS, OCC F.P.SHOP DEALER, F.P.SHOP NO.0439050, R/O. D.NO.1-33, BHEEMAKROSUPALEMVILLAGE, RAMACHANDRAPURAMMANDALAM, DR.B.R.AMBEDKAR KONASEMA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. SMT T NISHANTHI, COLLECTOR (CS) DR.BR. AMBEDKAR KONASEMA DISTRICT, AMALAPURAM.
2. MR DEVARAKONDA AKILA, REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, RAMACHANDRAPURAM DIVISION, DR.BR. AMBEDKAR KONASEMA DISTRICT, RAMACHANDRAPURAM.
3. MR BANDI MUTTAYMJAYARAO, TAHSILDAR, RAMACHANDRAPURAM MANDALAM, DR.BR. AMBEDKAR KONASEMA DISTRICT, RAMACHANDRAPURAM.
4. SMT M SONY PRIYA DHARSHINI, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, RAMACHANDRAPURAM MANDALAM, DR.BR. AMBEDKAR KONASEMA DISTRICT, RAMACHANDRAPURAM

...CONTEMNOR(S):

Petition under Sections 10 to 12 of Contempt of Courts Act 1971 praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit file herein the High Court may be pleased to pleased to punish the Respondents herein under Sections 10

to 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, read with Article 215 of the Constitution of India and the Contempt of Court (Andhra Pradesh High Court) Rules, 1980, for willful and wanton disobedience of the order dated 24.11.2025 passed in Writ Petition No. 32694 of 2025 and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAJU GUBBALA

Counsel for the Contemnor(S):

1. VENKATA SAI KRISHNA PONNURU

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

This Contempt Case is filed against the respondents for willful disobedience of the order dated 24.11.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.No.32694 of 2025. The operative portion of the said order is extracted hereunder:

> *"…..In view of the said fact that, the respondents have not supplied the essential commodities to the petitioner's fair price shop without there being any suspension or cancellation orders, where the present case falls under the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in Oleti Tirupathamma v. District Supply Officer (City), Visakhapatnam. "A statutory authority, it is trite, must act within the four corners of the statute in terms of the statutory orders and procedure laid down to suspend the license. As already noticed herein before, the authorities under the relevant orders have power to suspend the authorization or license of the dealer. Without applying its mind and without taking recourse thereto, the Court should not normally permit the authorities, unless extraordinary situation exists, to allow them to do something indirectly, which they cannot do it directly. If a broad proposition to this effect is laid down, the same, in a given case may amount to abuse of the process of law. The High Court while exercising its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, acts sentinel qui vive and thus it has to protect the citizen from arbitrary and capricious action of the executive. If the licensing authority themselves upon application of mind come to the conclusion that the irregularities committed by the fair price shop dealer would warrant suspension of his license, it may do so. But, in our considered opinion, the authority without taking recourse to the said action, cannot, refuse to supply the essential commodities.*
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> *With the above observations, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to follow procedure laid under the above decision of the Hon'ble apex court and there shall be no order as to costs..."*

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the order dated 24.11.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.No.32694 of 2025 has already been complied with.

3. Recording the aforesaid submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the Contempt Case is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

Interlocutory Applications pending, if any, in this case shall stand closed.

JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

Date: 30.10.2026
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