APHC010064372023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3604]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUNITHA GANDHAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 3221/2023

Between:

1. R SURYA NARAYANA REDDY, S/O LATE. ADI REDDY AGE 54 YEARS, OCC- AGRICULTURE H.NO 3-74,MUTTALA(V) ATMAKUR(M) ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT.-515751

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF AP, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI.
2. STATION HOUSE OFFICER, ATMAKUR POLICE STATION ,MUTTALA VILLAGE, ATMAKUR MANDAL, ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT.
4. MANDAL REVENUE INSPECTOR, ATMAKUR MANDAL ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT
5. THE TAHSILDAR, ATMAKUR MANDAL, ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT
6. MUKKARLA VENKA REDDY, S/O LATE M. ANJINAPPA MUTTALA VILLAGE, ATMAKUR MANDAL ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT. - 515751
7. MUKKARAL RAJA GOPAL ALIAS RAJU, S/O M. VENKA REDDY MUTTALA VILLAGE, ATMAKUR MANDAL ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT. - 515751
8. Y GOVIND REDDY, S/O Y VENKATANNA MUTTALA VILLAGE, ATMAKUR MANDAL ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT.- 515751
9. M VENKATESLU, S/O M. VENKATANNA (LATE) MUTTALA VILLAGE, ATMAKUR MANDAL ANANTHAPUR DISTRICT PIN CORD- 515751

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 a writ, direction, order or orders more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action the 2nd respondent in not providing police protection to petitioner as illegal, arbitrary and against to principles of natural justice apart from the violation of Article 21 of Constitution of India and consequentially direct the respondent 2 and 5 to take action against respondents 6 to 9 and to provide police protection to petitioner to cultivate Groundnuts crop in the petitioner land to the extent of Ac.5.25 in Sy. No. 568-3 of Goridindla village, Atmakur Mandal, Ananthapur District, in the interest of justice and to pass

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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 pleased to direct the 2nd respondent to provide police protection to petitioner to cultivate Groundnuts crop in the petitioner land to the extent of Ac.5.25 in Sy. No. 568-3 of Goridindla village, Atmakur Mandal, Ananthapur District, pending disposal of the above writ petition in the interest of justice pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. CH S V SURAJ

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE
3. NALLANI VAMSI KRISHNA
4. KORIBILLI SANDEEP

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard Sri Ch.S.V.Suraj, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for the respondent No.2 and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home.

2. This petition is filed by the petitioner to direct respondent No.2/police to provide police aid so as to cultivate his land in an extent of Ac.5.25 in Sy.No.568-3 of Goridindla Village, Atmakur Mandal, Ananthapur District.

3. As per the version of both the parties, so far, no civil suit has been filed before the competent civil court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner is rightful owner of the subject land and the respondent Nos.6 to 9 have been interfering with his possession and that the petitioner has all documents showing his ownership and possession.

5. It is needless to say that without determining rights of the parties in respect of the disputed land, this court cannot grant blanket order of restraining the respondent Nos.6 to 9 not to interfere with the peaceful possession of the petitioner and also cannot direct the police to extend police aid. However, the police may be directed not to involve in the civil disputes between the petitioner and unofficial respondents. It is further needless to say that the petitioner is at liberty to approach the competent civil court to get determined his rights in respect of the subject land, if he is so advised.

6. In this regard, it is to be mentioned that it is well settled that police cannot interfere in civil disputes and the Hon'ble Apex Court repeatedly held that when the dispute is purely of civil nature, jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution cannot be exercised and further, when the dispute between

two citizens is of civil nature and no crime is registered, police have no jurisdiction to interfere in the civil dispute. It is also settled that in the scheme of Constitution of India, duty to resolve civil dispute is entrusted to judiciary and police have no such power and involvement of police in a pending civil dispute or potential civil dispute between two citizens or two groups of citizens is not within the provisions of the police.

7. Further, in ***P. R. Muraleedharan and others v. Swami Dharmananda Teertha Padagal and others***[1], the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that the writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution cannot be converted into an execution forum and where there are cross-criminal cases, disputed facts or pending questions concerning physical possession, the police cannot be made a party to private civil rivalries and the aggrieved party must ordinarily avail the remedy before the competent civil court.

8. **In the result,** and for the foregoing reasons, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a liberty to petitioner to approach the competent civil court and the respondent police shall not interfere in the civil dispute of the petitioner except in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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SUNITHA GANDHAM, J

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