APHC010064822023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

Bench Sr.No:-14 [3584]

WRIT PETITION NO: 3215 of 2023

M/s. Ramani Exports ...Petitioner

Vs.

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others ...Respondent(s)

****

CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE LISA GILL
SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

DATE : 20th November 2026

Present:

Advocate for Petitioner: METTA CHENDRA SEKHAR RAO

Advocate for Respondent: GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY

ORDER: (per Hon'ble Sri Justice Challa Gunaranjan)

Present writ petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed with the following prayer:

> "may be pleased to issue a writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in declaring the application (in application Dated:26.05.2020) for grant of Quarry Lease for Colour Granite to an Extent of 07.000 Hectors as ineligible in proceedings No.4505/D7/2022 in Survey Numbers 23-1, 23-2 and 23-3 at Murikipudi Village, Chilakaluripeta Mandal of Guntur District dated

28.12.2022 under the guise of subsequent G.O.Ms.No.13 industries and Commerce (Mines-) Department dated 14.03.2022 and in G.O.Ms.No.14 of industries and Commerce (Mines) Department dated 14.03.2022 in consonance with G.O.Ms.No.65 of industries and Commerce (Mines) Department dated 04.08.2021 for mandating the payment of Premium Amount Ten Times Annual Dead Rent before issuing the Letter of intent LOI for grant of leases in contrary to section 153 of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulations Act 1957 and further not issuing mining lease to the petitioner over the subject land despite of No Objection from the Revenue Department as highly illegal arbitrary unconstitutional also oppose to Articles 14, 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and also oppose to the verdict of the Apex Court passed in Appeal (Civil) 800 of 2005 Dated 12.12.2006 and for a consequential direction."

2. Heard Sri Metta Chandra Sekhar Rao, learned counsel for petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology appearing for respondents.

3. At the outset, learned Government Pleader for respondents submits that in view of promulgation of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Auction Rules, 2022, vide G.O.Ms.No.100, dated 26.06.2025, grievance of the petitioner would no longer survive inasmuch as G.O.Ms.Nos.13 and 14, dated 14.03.2022, no longer

remain to be in force. In effect, it is stated that application made by petitioner before issuance of aforesaid G.Os. stands revived and would be considered in accordance with later G.Os.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner does not deny the same.

5. Given facts and circumstances, this writ petition stands closed, leaving it open to petitioner to approach the authorities for pursuing applications in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.100, dated 26.06.2025. No costs.

6. As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending consideration, if any, in this case shall stand closed.

LISA GILL, CJ **CHALLA GUNARANJAN, J**

Dt: 20.11.2026
SS