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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 5246 OF 2024

Between:

1. DWARAPUREDDY RAMANA, S/o. Satyanarayana, Aged about 37 years, Occ Lorry Driver, R/o. Door No. 1-99, G.Bheemevaram, Accherla Post, Kasimikota, Anakapalli District.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Station House Officer, Harbor P.S, Port Area, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

...RESPONDENTs

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 an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus. Declaring the action of the respondent No.3 in seizing the Petitioner Ashok Leyland Dumper Lorry bearing Registration Nos. AP 31 TM 2579 without following any procedure known to law, as arbitrary, illegal and violative of Article 14, 19 and 21 of the constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release the above vehicle from the custody of the respondents forthwith and 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 respondent No.3 to grant interim custody of the petitioner Ashok Leyland Dumper Lorry bearing Registration Nos. AP 31 TM 2579, pending disposal of the writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: GORLE GOPALAKRISHNA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME (AP)

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ORDER:

Instant Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following relief:

> *"to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring the action of the respondent No.3 in seizing the Petitioner Ashok Leyland Dumper Lorry bearing Registration Nos. AP 31 TM 2579 without following any procedure known to law, as arbitrary, illegal and violative of Article 14, 19 and 21 of the constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release the above vehicle from the custody of the respondents forthwith and to pass"*

2. On an earlier occasion i.e., on 17.11.2026, there was no representation for the petitioner.

3. Even today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, none represented on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Conversely, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home basing on written instructions dated 28.02.2024 of the Station House Officer, Harbour Police Station, Visakhapatnam City, submits that petitioner's vehicle i.e., Ashok Leyland Dumper Lorry bearing Registration No.AP31 TM 2579 was released in favour of the petitioner on 16.03.2024 and as such, cause in the Writ Petition does not survives.

5. Written instructions dated 28.02.2024 of the Station House Officer, Harbour Police Station, Visakhapatnam City is made part of the record.

6. Recording the submission made by learned Assistant Government Pleader, the Writ Petition is closed, leaving it open to the petitioner to pursue legal remedies, in accordance with the law.

Interlocutory applications, if any, pending shall stand closed.

JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

Date: 18.11.2026
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