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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3396]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

WRIT PETITION NO: 17487/2026

Between:

Munagala Kishore **...PETITIONER**

AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others **...RESPONDENT(S)**

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAJESH KUMAR B

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE
2. GP FOR FORESTS

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India with the following prayer for:

> ".... *a Writ of Mandamus* declaring the action of the respondents No. 4 AND 5 as illegal in terms of AP Forest Act 1967 imposing compound fee of Rs. 61,600/- as such the petitioner schedule land is not covered with forest land vide adangal dt. 21.12.2023 and remit back the said amount to the petitioner*."*

2. As can be seen from the docket proceedings, this Court heard the arguments advanced by Sri B.Rajesh Kumar, learned counsel for the Petitioner on 03.07.2026. On 14.07.2026, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forests placed on record the written instructions to the effect that, no cases were booked against the Petitioner and the Forest Department never

collected any amount from the Petitioner. Learned Assistant Government Pleader would submit that they have collected amount from one Diddikota Ramakrishna and it is also evident from the challan placed before this Court by the Petitioner regarding the payment of compounding fees. It is further submitted that, crime was also registered against said D.Ramakrishna for falling the trees and clearing them, without any permission or authority.

3. The matter was listed on 10.11.2026. As there was no representation on behalf of the Petitioner, the matter was again listed on 11.11.2026. On that day also the learned Asst.Government Pleader for Forests on written instructions stated that they have not registered any crime against the Petitioner and no amount has been collected from the Petitioner. Learned counsel for the Petitioner appeared through Video Conference on 11.11.2026 and the matter was directed to be listed on 13.11.2026 under the caption “for orders”. This Court could not pronounce orders on that day and there was discrepancy in the arguments advanced by the learned counsel through Video Conference on 13.11.2026. So, for clarification, the matter was listed again on 16.11.2026 and 23.11.2026. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, without submitting any arguments and without giving any clarity as to how this cause of action would survive when the Forest Authorities have not taken any action against the Petitioner, seeking further time.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forests seriously objected stating that they have not collected any amount from the Petitioner even as per the challan placed before this Court, which shows the payment made by

Diddikoti Ramakrishna, but not the Petitioner and the matter may be disposed of.

5. In the light of the submissions made, as rightly put by the learned Assistant Government Pleader, the challan which is placed on record would show the name of said Ramakrishna and the Petitioner herein is Munagala Kishore. Learned counsel for the Petitioner could not explain any connection between the Petitioner and said D.Ramakrishna.

6. In that light, since there is no action initiated by the Forest Authorities against the Petitioner, the request for further adjournment of the matter is rejected in the circumstances referred to *supra.*

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

Dr.JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

Date:24.11.2026
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