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

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

WRIT PETITION NO: 20642/2026

Between:

1. MOHAMMED KHADEER BAIG, PROPRIETOR, M/S. MADDUR BABANNA BAMBOO WORKS, S/O LATE SRI GAFAR BAIG, AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS, RESIDENT OF OKKALIGARA STREET, MADDUR DISTRICT, MANDYA DISTRICT, KARNATAKA.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FOREST DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, ANDHRA PRADESH.-522238
2. THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER TERRITORIAL, NANDYAL DIVISION, NANDYAL, ANDHRA PRADESH.-518502
3. THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER, CHELAMA RANGE, NANDYAL DIVISION, ANDHRA PRADESH.-518502
4. THE FOREST SECTION OFFICER, CHELAMA SECTION, NANDYAL DIVISION, ANDHRA PRADESH.-518502

...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 tomay be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in nature of Writ of Mandamus direction, declaring that the inaction of the 4th Respondent in granting permission to the Petitioner to prepare and transport Bambooand Bamboo Chandrikalu under cover of valid GST/e-way bill documents is illegal, arbitrary, without jurisdiction,

discriminatory and contrary to the orders of this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.35932 of 2025 as well as the Central Amendment Act 5 of 2018 to the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and consequently direct the Respondents, particularly the 4th Respondent, to forthwith grant permission to the Petitioner, M/s. Maddur Babanna Bamboo Works to prepare and transport Bamboo Chandrikalu under valid GST documents and e-way bills, without insisting upon any forest transit permit, or any other permission/NOC from the Forest Departmentand pass such

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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 4th Respondent to consider and dispose of the Petitioner's representation dated 15.06.2026 in accordance with law pending disposal of the Writ Petition and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. AYESHA AZMA S

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR FORESTS

The Court made the following order:

Heard Ms. S. Ayesha Azma, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Ms. K. Siva Jyothi, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forest appearing for the respondents

2. The learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forest would submit that the representation of the petitioner is pending consideration before the Forest Department. It is further submitted that the authorities intend to issue notice to the petitioner for conducting an enquiry, however, the petitioner could not be served with notice at the registered address, as no person was available at the said address.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, recording the aforesaid submissions, the Writ Petition may be disposed of by fixing a date for the petitioner to appear before the respondent authorities to pursue his remedy.

4. In the light of the submissions made, the Writ Petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to appear before the 4th respondent on 10.11.2026 and pursue his remedy relating to the representation which is pending before the 4th respondent. Upon such appearance, the 4th respondent is directed to conduct an enquiry in to the said representation, afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and pass an appropriate order in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of eight (08) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall

be no order as to costs.

DR. VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA,J

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