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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

Bench Sr.No:-7 [3584]

WRIT PETITION NO: 1930 of 2010

Vodafone Essar South Limited ...Petitioner

Vs.

The Mandapeta Municipality and another ...Respondents

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CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE LISA GILL
SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

DATE : 5th November 2026

Present :

Advocate for Petitioner : None

Advocate for Respondents : Ms. Sireesha Rani Vallabhaneni, learned Standing Counsel for Municipalities for R.1

LISA GILL, CJ.

Prayer in this writ petition reads as under:-

> ***"to grant an order, direction or writ, more so in the nature of writ of mandamus, declaring the action of respondent No.1 and 2 in levying, assessing, demanding and attempting to collect the disputed advertisement tax by issuing the impugned demand notice no. nil dated 14.12.2009 calling upon the petitioner to pay, within a period of fifteen days, the disputed amount in the impugned notice by respondent No.2 (using his personal letter head) as being without jurisdiction, opposed to the principles of natural justice, actuated by extraneous consideration, arbitrary, and violative of Articles 265 of the Constitution of India and sections 114, 117 and 118 of the APM Act, 1965 and consequently set aside the same and pass such other or further order or orders as this Honourable Court deems fit and proper in the circumstances of the case".***

2. Learned counsel for respondent No.1 submits that as on date, there are no signboards of petitioner at the site and, consequently, no demand in this regard is being raised.

3. We take note of the fact that Ms. Sree Kreethi Taggarse, learned counsel, had appeared on the last occasion when this matter was taken up and informed this Court that power of attorney in this matter had been returned to petitioner in the year 2022 itself, and petitioner was advised to pursue matter and that she does not have any instructions. Matter was adjourned for today.

4. There is no representation on behalf of petitioner. We are thus constrained to dismiss this writ petition in default and for non prosecution.

5. Copy of this order be conveyed to petitioner at given address. No order as to costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

LISA GILL, CJ

Date: 05.11.2026 **CHALLA GUNARANJAN, J**

Mrv

Whether the order is Speaking/Reasoned : Yes / No
Whether the order is Reportable : Yes / No

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HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL, CHIEF JUSTICE
&
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

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Dt: 05.11.2026

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