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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3332]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT:THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 30841/2026

Between:

1. POOLA ANURADHA, W/O POOLA MAHENDRA, AGED 39 YEARS, R/O. NARASIMHA RAO PALEM VILLAGE, VEERULAPADU MANDAL, NTR DISTRICT- 521181.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE UNION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD), RAIL BHAVAN, RAISINA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110 001.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, REVENUE DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 238.
3. THE GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, RAIL NILAYAM, SECUNDERABAD - 500 025, TELANGANA.
4. THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY LAND ACQUISITION CUM JOINT COLLECTOR, YERRUPALEM TO NAMBUR STATION (AMARAVATI) RAILWAY LINE PROJECT, OFFICE OF THE JOINT COLLECTOR, NEAR P.W.D. GROUNDS, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT.
5. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, NTR DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, NEAR P.W.D. GROUNDS, VIJAYAWADA.

6. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NANDIGAMA REVENUE DIVISION, NANDIGAMA, NTR DISTRICT - 521185.
7. THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NTR DISTRICT, AT VIJAYAWADA.
8. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT.
9. THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY LAND ACQUISITION CUM JOINT COLLECTOR, YERRUPALEM TO NAMBUR STATION (AMARAVATI) RAILWAY LINE PROJECT, OFFICE OF THE JOINT COLLECTOR, NEAR P.W.D. GROUNDS, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT.

...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 toto issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction declaring the action of the Respondents in recording only the number of trees on my land, without their girth, height and other particulars and without notice to me, as arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14, 21 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and consequently, direct the Respondents to conduct a fresh enumeration of all trees, plants and other things attached to my land, in my presence and in the presence of Respondent No. 7, 8 and other independent witnesses, recording the species, age, girth, breadth and height of each, and to give me a copy and direct the Respondents to reflect the enumeration in the award and to determine the compensation for the trees and plants by the capitalisation method

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. PATIL YUGANDHAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE

2. GP FOR LAND ACQUISITION
3. GP FOR FORESTS
4. GP FOR AGRICULTURE
5. BACHINA HANUMANTHA RAO (CENTRAL GOVT COUNSEL)

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the respondent authorities in recording only the number of trees on the petitioner's land without noting down their girth, height and other particulars.

2. Heard Sri Patil Yugandhar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Bachina Hanumantha Rao, learned Central Government Counsel, Sri Pathivada Ramakrishna, learned Government Pleaders for Land Acquisition, and learned Assistant Government Pleaders for Agriculture, Revenue and Forests.

3. Sri Patil Yugandhar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, while reiterating the contents of the writ affidavit, would contend that the authorities without noting down the girth, height and other particulars that are required for determining compensation payable to the petitioner, by noting down number of the trees only are trying to acquire the subject land and if the authorities were allowed to do so the petitioner would not get

adequate compensation for the existing trees. Accordingly, prayed to allow the writ petition.

4. On the other hand, Sri Pathivada Ramakrishna, learned Government Pleader for Land Acquisition, by placing on record the written instructions of the Revenue Divisional Officer, contended that the authorities have addressed letter to the competent authorities with a request to conduct enumeration and enumeration of the trees situated in the acquired land would be conducted in the presence of the land owner duly affording her opportunity to be present at the time of such enumeration and the assessed value upon the report from the concerned authority would be considered in accordance with the applicable provisions. Accordingly, prayed to dispose of the writ petition.

5. Perused the material available on record and considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The authorities by counting number of trees only without noting the height and girth are trying to acquire the land and in such an eventuality she would not get adequate compensation is the grievance of the petitioner. In view of the submissions made by learned Government Pleader for Land Acquisition that the land acquisition authorities have already addressed letter to the competent authority and enumeration of trees would be done in the

presence of the petitioner/land owner, nothing remains for adjudication in the matter.

7. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the authorities to note down the girth, height and other particulars that are essential for assessing the value of the trees in the presence of the petitioner, before removing them. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

2ND November,2026

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