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

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 31826 OF 2026

Between:

1. SAI GOWTHAM, S/o. Vasu Babu, Aged about 30 years, Occ Software Employee, R/o. 7122, Mandalong Way, New Market, MD, USA 21774.

...Petitioner

AND

1. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Bureau of Immigration, Union of India, Rep. by its Commissioner (Immigration), East Block VIII, Level V, Sector 1,RK Puram, New Delhi.110001

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by Principle Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi. 522237

3. The Director General of Police, Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh. 522503

4. The Station House Officer, Penumaluru Police Station, Krishna District. 522503

5. Chilukuri Lakshmi Bhargavi, W/o PenubothuChanukya Aged about 30 years, R/o Flat No. 4-f3, 5th Floor, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. 520001

...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 a Writ, Order or direction more in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of the 1st respondent in issuing the Look Out Circular (LOC) i.e., LOC Suspect No. From 2441637 to 2441637 in terms of Letter vide Memo No.222/L00/02/2024 issued by the 3rd and 4th respondent in pursuance to the FIR No. 495 of 2023 dated 24.06.2023, on the file of Penamaluru Urban Police Station, Krishna District, for the offences of Sections 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 holding it as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Articles 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and also contrary to the Hon'ble Supreme Court in catena of Judgments and consequently set aside/delete the Look Out Circular (LOC) i.e., LOC Suspect No. From 2441637 to 2441637 in terms of Letter vide Memo No. 222/LOC/ 02/2024 issued by the 1st respondent in pursuance to the FIR No. 405 of 2023 dated 24.06.2023, on the file of Penamaluru Urban Police Station, Krishna District, for the offences of Sections 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 in the interests of justice

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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

Counsel for the Petitioner: V SANTHISREE

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

Counsel for the Respondents:

The Court made the following order:

Aggrieved by the action of respondent No.1 in issuing a Look Out Circular (LOC), pursuant to the letter issued by respondent Nos.3 and 4 in connection with FIR No.495 of 2023 of Penamaluru Urban Police Station, Krishna District, dated 24.06.2023 for the offence punishable under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

2. Heard Smt V.Shanti Sree, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Sri Thummalapudi Sreedhar, learned Central Government Counsel appearing for respondent No.1 and learned Government Pleader for Home Department appearing for respondent Nos.2 to 4.

3. Learned Government Pleader for Home Department, while placing on record the communication addressed by the Superintendent of Police, Krishna District *vide* C.No.244/LOC/C2/2026 dated 31.10.2026 to the Joint Director, Immigration Branch (IB), Ministry of Home Affairs, submitted that a request had been made to withdraw the LOC issued against the petitioner.

4. Learned Central Government Counsel submitted that he would inform the immigration authorities to take necessary steps on the basis of the communication addressed by the Superintendent of Police, as expeditiously as possible.

5. Recording the submissions made by the learned Government Pleader for Home Department and the learned Central Government Counsel, and having regard to the fact that the concerned authorities had already issued a communication requesting withdrawal of the LOC, this Court is of the view that nothing further survives for further adjudication in the present Writ Petition and the Writ Petition is liable to be closed.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, interlocutory applications pending, if any in the Writ Petition, shall also stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

02.11.2026
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