

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**FRIDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GADI PRAVEEN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION Nos: 28349 OF 2013 AND 8279 OF 2014

WRIT PETITION NO: 28349 OF 2013:

Between:

The Indigenous Churches in India Trust, Hebron Church, Golconda Cross Roads, Hyderabad, Rep. by its Trustee Bro. Mallavarapu Emmanuel

(CT of Petitioner Representative name is amended as per C.O. dated 08.01.2026 in IA No.1 of 2025)

...Petitioner/4th Respondent

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (Registration and Stamps), Secretariat, Hyderabad
2. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration, and Stamps, Hyderabad
3. The District Registrar-cum-Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad
4. Sri. Matta Peter (Pastor), Bethlehem Prayer House, Munasubgari Street, Chellapally, Krishna District.

...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 an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd Respondent in holding the Society of Trustees of Indigenous Churches in India, Registration No.114/1971, is not dissolved by any court or no resolutions of dissolution or received by this office, vide proceedings in Letter No.14677/Soc/2013 dt.20.9.2013, as illegal, unjust, arbitrary, without jurisdiction and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(c), 25, 26 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and contrary to the provisions of A.P. Societies Registration Act, 2001 and also contrary to the Judgments of this Honble Court in W.P.Nos.7639/2004 and W.P.No.16430/2008 and consequentially set aside the same.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2013(WVMP. NO: 3353 OF 2013)

Between:

Sri Matta Peter (Pastor), S/o. Satyam, Aged about 55 years, Bethlehem Prayer House, Munasubgari Street, Chellapally, Krishna District.

...Petitioner/4th Respondent

AND

1. The Indigenous Churches in India Trust, Hebron Church, Golconda Cross Roads, Hyderabad, Rep. by its Trustee Bro. FCS Peter
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (Registration and Stamps), Secretariat, Hyderabad
3. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration, and Stamps, Hyderabad
4. The District Registrar-cum-Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad

...Respondents/Respondent 1 to 3

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 to vacate the interim orders granted in WPMP No.35197 of 2013 in WP No. 28349 of 2013, dated: 03.10.2013 and dismiss the Writ petition with costs

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2013(WPMP. NO: 35197 OF 2013)

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 suspend the proceedings of in Letter No. 16477/Soc/2013 dt. 20.9.2013 of the 3rd Respondent pending disposal of the above writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI K.R. PRABHAKAR

Counsel for the Respondent No.1 to 3: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondent No.4: SRI G. RAVI MOHAN

WRIT PETITION NO: 8279 OF 2014:

Between:

Indigenous Churches In India Trust, Hebron Church, Golconda Cross Roads, Hyderabad, Rep. by its Trustee Bro. FCS Peter

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (Registration and Stamps), Secretariat, Hyderabad
2. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration, and Stamps, Hyderabad

3. The District Registrar-cum-Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad,
4. Sri R.Veerachary, S/o. Narsaiah, aged about 44 years, R/o. Flat No.304, Venkataiah Apartments, Santhosh Nagar, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda District - 508 207.
5. Bro. B. Timothy, S/o. late B. Ramachandraiah Chetty Age about 70 years, Occ Gods Servant/Pastor Rio. Flat No.155, Janapriya Apartments, Gandhi Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500 020
6. Sri V.Sulaiman, Registrar of Societies-cum-District, Registrar, Opp. Niloufer Hospital, Red Hills, Hyderabad

...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 an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd Respondent in stating that the resolution dt.23.3.2004 passed by the Society of Trustees of Indigenous Churches in India (Regd.No.114/1971) was not accepted and it was not in accordance with law, by issuing proceedings in Lr.No.6009/Soc/2013 dt.25.11.2013, though this Honble Court declared that the Society was dissolved in accordance with law as per the Special Resolution dt.23.3.2004 passed by Society's General Body, as illegal, unjust, arbitrary, without jurisdiction and in violation of principles of natural justice and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(c), 25, 26 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and contrary to A.P. Societies Registration Act, 2001 and also contrary to the Judgments of this Honble Court in W.P.Nos.7639/2004 and W.P.No.16430/2008 and consequentially set aside the same.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2014(WPMP. NO: 10328 OF 2014)

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 suspend the proceedings in Lr.No.6009/Soc/2013 dt.25.11.2013 issued by the 3rd Respondent pending disposal of the above writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI NADELLA VENKATESWARA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent No.1 to 3: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondent No.4: SRI K. SAI SRI HARSHA

Counsel for the Respondent No.5 & 6: - - - -

The Court made the following: COMMON ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GADI PRAVEEN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION Nos.28349 of 2013 and 8279 of 2014

DATE: 27.02.2026

W.P.No.28349 of 2013

Between:

The Indigenous Churches in India Trust, Hebron Church,
Golconda Cross Roads, Hyderabad rep. by its Trustee.

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh
Represented by its Principal Secretary
Revenue Department (Stamps and Registration) and 3 others

...Respondents

COMMON ORDER:

Since the issue involved in both the Writ Petitions is one and the same, they are being disposed of by this common order.

These Writ Petitions are filed questioning the communication dated 20.09.2013 and 25.11.2013 as illegal and arbitrary and also contrary to the judgments of this Court in W.P.Nos.7639 of 2004 and 16430 of 2008 and consequently, set aside the same.

2. Facts giving rise to filing of these Writ Petitions briefly stated are that the dispute between the parties pertains to the issue whether the society, viz., The Society of Trustees of Indigenous Churches in India, has been dissolved or continues to be in existence.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner placed reliance upon the judgment dated 04.03.2024 passed by a Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.1289 of 2009, wherein at para 6, it was observed that the information furnished by the Registrar of Societies to the respondent does not amount to an order passed under the Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001, and such issue cannot be adjudicated at the first instance in the Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the Hon'ble Division Bench set aside the order dated 24.06.2009 passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.No.16430 of 2008. However, liberty was reserved to the parties to take recourse to the action as per permissible under law.

4. A perusal of the impugned proceedings, dated 20.09.2013 shows that it is only a communication issued by the District Registrar addressing to one Matta Peter (Pastor), Bethlehem Payer House, Munasubgari Street, Challapalli, Krishna District, A.P., informing that as per the records, the registration of the

society of Trustees of Indigenous Church in India, has not been dissolved by any Court and no resolution regarding dissolution has been received by the office.

5. A perusal of the impugned proceedings dated 25.11.2013 reveals that it is a communication addressed to R.Veerachary, Golconda Cross Roads, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, informing that the records relating to amendment of bye laws etc., filed by Sri B.Thimothy dated 03.10.2013 were not taken on record and the same were kept pending, in view of the various cases before this Court and accordingly, advised to approach the civil court for appropriate remedy.

6. The aforesaid communications were challenged in both the Writ Petitions respectively.

7. Having considered the facts and following the judgment of the Division Bench in W.A.No.1289 of 2009, dated 04.03.2024, , this Court is of the view that the impugned communications dated 20.09.2013 and 25.11.2013 issued by the District Registrar are merely informational in nature, reflecting the records available in the office of the Registrar. They do not constitute orders passed in exercise of any statutory power under the Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001, nor do they determine or adjudicate the rights of the parties.

8. Since the dispute between the parties relates to the existence or dissolution of the society, which involves disputed questions of fact, the same cannot be adjudicated in these writ proceedings. The appropriate remedy for the parties is to approach the competent civil court or other forum as permissible under law.

9. Accordingly, the Writ Petitions are disposed of, granting liberty to the petitioner to avail appropriate remedies before the competent forum in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

10. Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

Sd/-M.NAGAMANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (Registration and Stamps), The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Hyderabad
2. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration, and Stamps, Hyderabad
3. The District Registrar-cum-Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad
4. One CC to SRI K.R. PRABHAKAR, Advocate [OPUC]
5. One CC to SRI NADELLA VENKATESWARA RAO, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court for the State of Telangana. [OUT]
7. One CC to SRI G. RAVI MOHAN, Advocate [OPUC]
8. One CC to SRI K. SAI SRI HARSHA, Advocate [OPUC]
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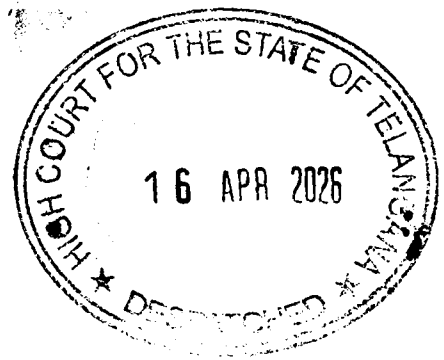
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HIGH COURT

DATED:27/02/2026

COMMON ORDER

**WP.Nos.28349 of 2013 &
8279 of 2014**



**DISPOSING OF BOTH THE WRIT PETITIONS
WITHOUT COSTS**

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