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

THURSDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 11677 OF 2026

Between:

Sri. Bonkuri Narasaiah, S/o late Laxmaiah Aged63 years Occ agriculture R/o.H No. 4-78, Ramapalli village Peddapally Mandal and District, TG.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Principal Secretary Panchayath Raj and Rural development Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The District Collector, (Panchayat raj) Peddapally District, T.G.
3. The District panchayat Officer, Peddapally District,T.G.
4. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peddapally Manadal, Peddapally District, T.G
5. The Gramapanchayth of Rampalli, Rep by Its Panchayth Secretary Ramplly Village, Peddapally Manadal, Peddapally District, T.G.

...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 action of the Respondent No.5 is high handedly Stopped supply of Drinking water from Grampanchyath Bowerwell since 20 days in Ramapalli village, Peddapally Mandal andDistrict, TG as illegal. as illegal, arbitrary, against the principles of natural justice and Violation of Article 14 of Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to supply of Drinking water from Grampanchyath Bowerwell in Ramapalli village, Peddapally Mandal and District, TG.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

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 direct the respondents supply of Drinking water from Grampanchyath Bowerwell in Ramapalli village, Peddapally Mandal andDistrict, TG pending disposal of above writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI PRAVEEN BONKURI

Counsel for the Respondent No.1 to 4: SRI ASHOK KUMAR,
AGP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondent No.5: SRI K.PRADEEP REDDY,
SC FOR GRAM PANCHAYAT

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE E.V.VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION No.11677 of 2026

DATE OF ORDER: 16.04.2026

Between:

Sri Bonkuri Narasaiah

...Petitioners

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayath Raj and Rural Development Department,
Secretariat,
Hyderabad, and others

...Respondents

ORDER :

This Writ Petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed seeking the following relief:

> *"....to declare the action of the respondent No.5 is high handedly stopped supply of Drinking water from Grampanchayath Borewell since 20 days in Ramapalli Village, Peddapally Mandal and District as illegal, arbitrary, against the principles of natural justice and violation of Article 14 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to supply of Drinking water from Grampanchayath Bowerwell in Ramapalli village, Peddapally Mandal and District and to pass..."*

2. Heard Mr. Praveen Bonkuri, learned counsel for the petitioner; Sri Ashok Kumar, learned Assistant Government

Pleader for Panchayat Raj appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 4 and Sri K.Pradeep Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for ZPP and MPP appearing for respondent No.5; and perused the record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the absolute owner and possessor of a house bearing No. 4-78, situated at Rampalli Village, Pedapally Mandal and District. The petitioner has been receiving drinking water for the past two decades from a borewell. However, all of a sudden, respondent No.5 stopped the supply of drinking water from the said borewell without assigning any valid reasons. Upon noticing the same, the petitioner approached respondent No.5 to ascertain the reason for such stoppage. Respondent No.5 informed the petitioner that certain persons were required to make payment towards water supply to the Gram Panchayath. It is submitted that petitioner is regularly paying all taxes to the Gram Panchayath and apprised respondent No.5 of the same. Despite this, respondent No.5 refused to restore the supply of drinking water.

4. Learned Standing Counsel for respondent No.5, upon placing reliance on the letter dated 16.04.2026 addressed by the Panchayath Secretary, Rampalli, submits that the Gram Panchayath is supplying drinking water to the entire village under

the Mission Bhageeratha Scheme twice a day (i.e., morning and evening). It is further submitted that the grievance raised by the petitioner does not pertain to non-supply of drinking water. Rather, the issue relates to outstanding electricity dues payable in respect of the borewell connection. Due to non-payment of the said dues, the water supply through the borewell has been temporarily stopped. The Gram Panchayath will restore the same upon payment of the entire outstanding amount.

5. Having heard the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, and without entering into the merits of the case, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 5/Gram Panchayath to restore the supply of borewell water to the petitioner, subject to the petitioner clearing the outstanding electricity dues. No order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending, shall stand closed.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary Panchayath Raj and Rural development Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad, State of Telangana.
2. The District Collector, (P.6214) Peddapally District, T.G.
3. The District panchayat Officer, Peddapally District,T.G.

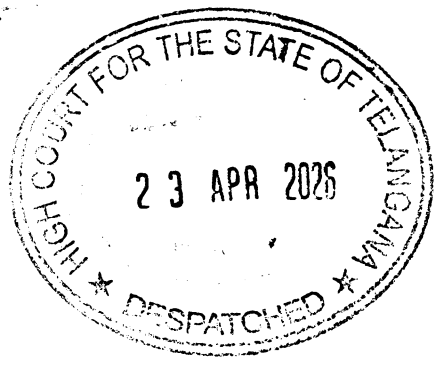
4. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peddapally Manadal, Peddapally District, T.G
5. The Panchayath Secretary, Gramapanchayth of Rampalli, Ramplly Village, Peddapally Manadal, Peddapally District, T.G.
6. One CC to SRI PRAVEEN BONKURI, Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to SRI K.PRADEEP REDDY, SC FOR GRAM PANCHAYAT [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
9. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 16/04/2026



ORDER

WP.No.11677 of 2026

DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION,

WITHOUT COSTS

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