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

FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 37530 OF 2026

Between:

S. Jeevan Reddy, S/o. Late S. Narsi Reddy, Aged 55 years, occ. Business, R/o. H.No. 5-123, Prashanth Nagar, Yadigirigutta, Yadadri-Bhongir District

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Endowments Department, Rep. by its Secretary, Secretariat. Hyderabad
2. The Commissioner, Telangana Endowments Department, Bogulkunta, Hyderabad
3. Sri. Sri. Sri. Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadigirigutta, Yadadri-Bhongir District Rep by its Executive Officer.

...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 particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the high handed and illegal action of the 3rd Respondent in conducting the auction pursuant to the notification dated 03.10.2026 even after knowing the disposal of W.P. No. 27784 of 2026 on 14.10.2026 as illegal, arbitrary, colorable exercise of power, exploitation of power and position, acting contrary to the observations of this Hon.ble Court, violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

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 stay all further proceedings pursuant to the auction held on 16.10.2026 by the 3rd Respondent including giving the rights of selling diyas to any third party for the coming karthika masam in respect of the 3rd Respondent temple.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

Between:

Sri. Sri. Sri. Lakshmi Narasirnha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadigirigutta, Yadadri-Bhongir District Rep by its Executive Officer.

...PETITIONER/RESPONDENT

AND

1. S. Jeevan Reddy, S/o. Late S. Narsi Reddy, Aged 55 years, occ. Business, R/o. H.No. 5-123, Prashanth Nagar, Yadigirigutta, Yadadri-Bhongir District
2. The State of Telangana, Endowments Department, Rep. by its Secretary, Secretariat. Hyderabad
3. The Commissioner, Telangana Endowments Department, Bogulkunta, Hyderabad

...RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS

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 passed in I.A. No. 1 of 2026 in W.P. No. 37530 of 2026, Dt: 05.11.2026 and dismiss the writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI T.SURYA SATISH

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: AGP FOR ENDOWMENTS

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.2&3: SRI CH.SATISH

The Court made the following: ORDER

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HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUREPALLI NANDA

WRIT PETITION No.37530 OF 2026

(C.N.R.No. HBHC010770872026)

DATE: 13.11.2026

Between :

S. Jeevan Reddy

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana & 2 others

... Respondents

ORDER

Heard Sri T. Surya Satish, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Endowments, appearing on behalf of the Respondent No.1, and Sri Ch. Satish, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of Respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

2. The petitioner approached the Court seeking prayer as under:

> "...to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus, declaring the highhanded and illegal action of the 3rd Respondent in conducting the auction pursuant to the notification dated

03.10.2026 even after knowing the disposal of W.P.No.27784 of 2026 on 14.10.2026 as illegal, arbitrary, colorable exercise of power, exploitation of power and position, acting contrary to the observations of this Hon'ble Court, violative of Articles 14 & 21 of the Constitution of India and to pass such other order..."

3. <u>The case of the petitioner, in brief, as per the averments made in the affidavit filed by the petitioner in support of the present Writ Petition is as under:-</u>

The case of petitioner is that the petitioner was the successful bidder for Rs.1,21,11,111/- pursuant to the tender notification dated 16.06.2023 issued by the 3rd Respondent for selling diyas at the temple hill. As no permanent place was allotted, petitioner was permitted to operate from a tentative premises. Subsequently, the premises was sealed alleging collection of excess charges, without notice or opportunity of personal hearing Challenging the same, petitioner filed W.P.No.14879 of 2024, which was disposed of by permitting payment of the demanded amount in three installments and directing allotment of the shop upon payment of the first installment. Due to poor business and financial hardship, petitioner submitted representations seeking relaxation or alternative allotment, leading to W.P.No.15140 of 2026, disposed of on 05.05.2026, directing consideration of petitioner's representations.

The rejection order dated 22.07.2026 was challenged in W.P.No.27784 of 2026, which was disposed of on 14.10.2026, with directions against proceeding with the auction. Despite the same, the 3rd Respondent conducted the auction on 16.10.2026. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner had approached this court by filing the present writ petition.

PERUSED THE RECORD:

(A) This Court passed interim order in favour of the petitioner dated 05.11.2026 in the present writ petition, observed as under:

> "Heard Sri T.Surya Satish, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Endowments appearing on behalf of Respondent No.1
>
> Sri Ch. Satish, learned Standing Counsel for Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple, Attapur, appearing on behalf of respondent Nos.2 and 3 is present.
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> There shall be stay of all further proceedings in pursuance to the auction held on 16.10.2026 by the 3rd respondent including giving the rights of selling diyas to any third party for the coming Karthika masam in respect of the 3rd respondent-Temple, till 12.11.2026."

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

4. **Learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioner mainly puts forth the following submissions:**

(i) The petitioner vide representations dated 10.04.2026 and 13.04.2026 requested the 3rd Respondent for extension of time period for Nitya Deeparadhana license on the hill.

(ii) As per the orders of this Court dated 14.10.2026 passed in W.P.No.27784 of 2026, the petitioner was permitted to continue selling lamps by paying the pending installments.

(iii) Subsequent to the orders passed by this Court, from 29.03.2026 the petitioner had paid the pending installment amount of Rs.17,75,802/- including GST.

(iv) When the petitioner had participated in the tender on 23.07.2023, there was no Akhanda Deepam (eternal lamp) on the hill.

(v) In spite of the above representations submitted by the petitioner to the 3rd respondent temple, no action had been taken as on date.

(vi) Inaction on the part of the 3rd Respondent temple for considering the request of the petitioner, the petitioner had incurred heavy losses.

Based on the aforesaid submissions, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is entitled for the relief as prayed for in the present writ petition.

5. Learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of 3rd Respondent Temple placing reliance on the averments made in the counter affidavit filed by the 3rd respondent, in particular, para No.9 mainly puts-forth the following submissions:

(i) The 3rd Respondent Temple had issued separate Karthika Deepalu tender notification dated 03.10.2026.

(ii) The auction was conducted on 16.10.2026.

(iii) In the said process Sri G. Srinivas emerged as the successful bidder with an approved bid of Rs.37,70,000/- for the Karthika Masam seasonal license for the period only one month i.e., 09.11.2026 to 08.12.2026.

(iv) The petitioner was not the holder of any Karthika Masam license and has no preferential or vested rights to its award.

(v) By virtue of the interim orders of this Court, the successful bidder, whose legitimate interests are directly affected by the interim orders of this Court is put to hardship and since he has not been arrayed as a party to this writ petition, no relief as sought for by the petitioner can be extended to the petitioner in the present writ petition.

Based on the aforesaid submissions, the learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of 3rd Respondent Temple, seeks vacation of the order of this Court dated 05.11.2026 passed in the present writ petition, and to dismiss the present writ petition.

6. Taking into consideration:

(i) The facts and circumstances of the case,

(ii) The submissions of learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of the 3rd respondent,

(iii) The averments made in the counter affidavit filed on behalf of the 3rd respondent, in particular para '9',

This Court opines that the petitioner has no vested rights in so far as award of the subject tender is concerned, since no Mandamus can be issued in favour of

the petitioner when there is no existing right of the petitioner which is being infringed, and hence the interim order granted by this Court dated 05.11.2026 stands vacated. The writ petition is disposed of giving liberty to the petitioner to pursue the remedies as are available to the petitioner by addressing a representation to the 3rd Respondent-Temple, pertaining to the waiver of the payment of due amounts by the petitioner to the 3rd Respondent Temple, is concerned, explaining all the reasons for seeking the said waiver within two weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of the order, and upon such representation being filed by the petitioner, the 3rd respondent herein on receipt of the same is directed to consider the same, in accordance to law and pass appropriate orders, within a period of two (02) weeks thereafter, and duly communicate the decision to the petitioner. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition, shall stand closed.

SD/-P.C. SULEKHA DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Endowments Department, Secretariat. Hyderabad, State of Telangana
2. The Commissioner, Telangana Endowments Department, Bogulkunta, Hyderabad
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 13/11/2026

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ORDER

WP.No.37530 of 2026



DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION

WITHOUT COSTS

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20/11/26