

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

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.TUKARAMJI

WRIT PETITION NO: 44150 OF 2017

Between:

Gurudwara Saheb Barambala Sikh, Chauniyat, Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Nagar, Attapur Village, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad 500 064 rep. by its President Sri S. Sukhdev Singh, S/o.Sri Harban Singh, Aged 41 years, R/o.4-9-167, Sikh Chauniyat Attapur, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy District.

.....PETITIONER

AND

1. State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Collector, Ranga Reddy District, Government of Telangana Lakdika pool, Hyderabad.
3. Revenue Divisional Officer, Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District.
4. Tahsildar, Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District.
5. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Tilak road, Bogulkunta Government of Telangana Hyderabad.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Endowments, Department, Tilak road, Bogulkunta Government of Telangana Hyderabad.
7. Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Tilak road, Bogulkunta Government of Telangana Hyderabad.
8. Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Temple, Attapur Village, Ranga Reddy District Hyderabad represented by the 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 in the nature of Mandamus or otherwise declaring the action of the Official Respondents especially the 7th and 8th

Respondents herein in interfering with the peaceful possession of the Petitioner in Sy.No.354/1 to 4 admeasuring 6040 sq.yards situated at Attapur Village, Rajendranagar Mandai, Ranga Reddy District as bad, illegal, opposed to principles of natural justice and consequently declare the same as non est and direct the Officials Respondents to finalise and complete the issue of allotment within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of this order.

I.A.NO:1 OF 2017 (WPMP.NO:54736 OF 2017)

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 official respondents or anybody/agents on their behalf not to interfere with land in possession of the Gurudwara in an extent of 6040 sq.yards either by way of constructing a compound wall or otherwise where Gurudwara was located in Sy.No.354/1 to 354/4 of Attapur Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, presently holy flag i.e., Nishan Saheb is in existence in open land of 6040 sq.yards, and to remove the board put up by Endowments Department, pending disposal of this writ petition.

I.A.NO:2 OF 2017 (WPMP.NO:54737 OF 2017)

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 issue directions to the first respondent to finalise the regularisation of the land in favour of the Gurudwara, Educational Institutions, play Ground, Houses of Sikh Community in Sikh Chaunit, Attapur Rajendranagar Mandai Ranga Reddy District within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of this notice.

I.A.NO:1 OF 2018

Between:

1. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Tilak road, Bogulkunta Government of Telangana Hyderabad.
2. Deputy Commissioner, Endowments, Department, Tilak road, Bogulkunta Government of Telangana Hyderabad.

3. Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Tilak road, Bogulkunta Government of Telangana Hyderabad.

.....PETITIONERS/RESPONDENTS

AND

1. Gurudwara Saheb Barambala Sikh, Chauniyat, Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Nagar, Attapur Village, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad 500 064 rep. by its President Sri S. Sukhdev Singh, S/o. Sri Harban Singh, Aged 41 years, R/o.4-9-167, Sikh Chauniyat Attapur, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy District.

.....RESPONDENT/PETITIONER

2. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
3. The Collector, Ranga Reddy District. Government of Telangana Lakdika pool, Hyderabad.
4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District.
5. The Tahsildar, Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District.
6. Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Temple, Attapur Village, Ranga Reddy District Hyderabad represented by the Executive Officer.

(Respondent/Respondent No.2 to 6 are not necessary parties in this petition)

.....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 order passed on dt.22.12.2017 in WPMP.No. 54736 of 2017 in W.P.No.44150 of 2017 and dismiss the writ petition with exemplary cost.

Counsel for the Petitioners : SRI T.S.PRAVEEN KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4 : GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.5 to 8 : Ms. B.N.SHAILAJA, AGP FOR ENDOWMENTS

The Court made the following ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.TUKAR AMJI

WRIT PETITION No.44150 OF 2017

DATE : 29.01.2026

Between:

Gurudwara Saheb Barambala Sikh
Chauniyat, Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Nagar, Attapur Village, Ranga
Reddy District. Hyderabad, 500064,
Rep.by its President, Sri S.Sukhdev Singh

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana and Others

..Respondents

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed with the following relief

"...to issue a Writ Order or Direction in the nature of mandamus or otherwise declaring the action of the Official Respondents especially the 7th and 8th Respondents herein in interfering with the peaceful possession of the Petitioner in Sy.No. 154/1 to 4 admeasuring 6040 sq.yards situated at Attapur Village, Rajendranagar Mandai, Ranga Reddy District as bad, illegal, opposed to principles of natural justice and consequently declare the same as non est and direct the Officials Respondents to finalize and complete the issue of allotment within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of this order and be pleased to pass....."

2. Heard Mr. T.S.Praveen Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner, Ms.B.N.Shailaja, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Endowments Department and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondents Nos. 7 and 8 are unlawfully interfering with the petitioner's peaceful possession and enjoyment of the petition schedule property bearing Survey Nos. 354/1 to 354/4, admeasuring Ac. 6040 square yards, situated at Attapur Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. It is further contended that despite the petitioner having submitted a detailed representation seeking redressal, the respondent authorities have failed to conclude the proceedings initiated thereon, thereby compelling the petitioner to approach this Court seeking appropriate directions.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleaders appearing for the Endowments Department and the Revenue Department, on the other hand, submit that the allegation levelled against respondents Nos. 7 and 8, namely that they are interfering with the petitioner's possession without any lawful authority, is wholly unfounded and unsupported by material evidence. It is further contended that the documents placed on record do not substantiate the petitioner's claim of interference. He also submit that the petitioner's representation has already been taken note of by the competent authority, internal correspondence has been initiated, and the same is under active consideration, pursuant to which appropriate orders will be passed in accordance with law.

5. I have perused the pleadings and the material placed on record.

6. The principal grievance of the petitioner is that respondents Nos. 7 and 8, without any tenable or lawful justification, are interfering with the petitioner's possession of the subject property. The categorical stand of the respondents, however, is that there was no occasion for them to interfere with the petitioner's possession.

7. Having regard to these rival submissions, it is well settled that even State authorities and public officials are bound by the rule of law and cannot interfere with a person's settled possession except by following due process of law. Interference with possession otherwise than in accordance with law would be violative of Constitutional rights, which mandates that no person shall be deprived of his property save by authority of law. Further, administrative authorities are required to act within the four corners of their statutory powers and cannot resort to extra-legal measures, particularly when proceedings are admittedly pending consideration.

8. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, and keeping in mind the role, responsibility, and limitations of the official respondents while conducting statutory proceedings, respondents Nos. 7 and 8 are directed to refrain from interfering with the peaceful possession and enjoyment of the petitioner over the petition schedule property,

save and except strictly in accordance with law and by following due process.

9. Further, considering the specific submission of the petitioner that a representation was made as far back as the year 2012, pursuant to which internal correspondence has admittedly taken place within the Revenue Department, but no final order has been passed till date, this Court is of the considered view that such inordinate delay defeats the very purpose of administrative adjudication. It is trite law that representations made by citizens are required to be considered and disposed of within a reasonable time, failing which such inaction becomes arbitrary and unsustainable.

10. Accordingly, respondent No. 2 is directed to prioritize the petitioner's representation and pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of *three (03) months* from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

11. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous Petitions, pending if any, shall stand closed.

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SD/-MOHD. ISMAIL
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To

1. The Principal Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, State of Telangana at Hyderabad.
2. The Collector, Ranga Reddy District, Government of Telangana Lakdika pool, Hyderabad.

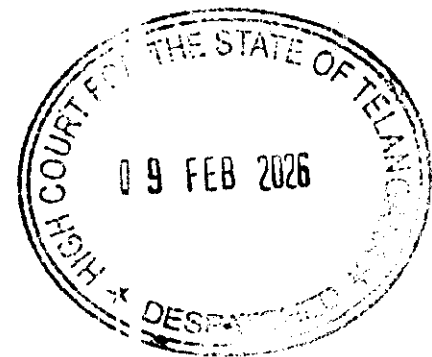
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8. The Executive Officer, Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Temple, Attapur Village, Ranga Reddy District Hyderabad.
9. Two CCs to GP FOR ENDOWMENTS, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
10. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. [OUT]
11. One CC to SRI T.S.PRAVEEN KUMAR, Advocate [OF UC]
12. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED:29/01/2026



ORDER

WP.No.44150 of 2017

**DISPOSING OF THE W.P
WITHOUT COSTS.**

(16) - JKS
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