IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE R RAGHUNANDAN RAO
AND

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE K MANMADHA RAO
WRIT APPEAL NO: 577 OF 2025

Between:

- 1. K Srilatha, W/o. K. Ramachandra Reddy, Aged 62 years, R/o Irugulam Village, Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District.
- 2. E. Balamurugan, S/o. Subramanyam Shetty Aged 31 years, R/o Irugulam Village, Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District.
- 3. E.Subramanyam Shetty, S/o. Srinivasulu Shetty, Aged 68 years, R/o Irugulam Village, Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District.

...Appellants

AND

- 1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Revenue (L.A) Department, Secretariat Buildings, Amaravati Guntur District.
- 2. The District Collector, Tirupathi, Tirupathi District.
- 3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupathi Revenue Division, Tirupathi District.
- 4. The Tahsildar, Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District.

...Respondents

Petition under clause 15 of the Letters Patent is filed to set aside the order in I.A.No.1 of 2025 in W.P.No.7044 of 2025 dt. 24.03.2025 and grant stay of all further proceedings pursuant to the Notification ROC. No. G3/E-36531/2024 dated 15-12-2024 and RC.G3/E-37895/2025 dated 24-01-2025 Under Section 11 (1) and Declaration under Section 19(1) vide ROC.No.

G3/E-36531/2024 dt.25-02-2025 issued by the 2nd Respondent under Act 30 of 2013.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri V. Vinod K. Reddy, learned counsel for the appellants and the Learned Advocate General appearing for the respondents, and the Court made the following **ORDER:**

"Heard Sri V. Vinod K. Reddy, learned counsel for the appellants and the Learned Advocate General appearing for the respondents.

- 2. In view of the interlocutory orders passed by this Court, in W.A.No.483 of 2025, dated 06.05.2025 and in view of the pendency of W.P.No.6042 of 2012, there shall be an interlocutory order, as follows:
- 1) The question of: Whether the inclusion of the District Collector, in the definition of appropriate government, in Rule 2(b) can be treated as a notification under the proviso to section 3(e), empowering the District Collector to discharge the functions of the appropriate government, shall be referred to a Full Bench, for an authoritative pronouncement.
- 2) The further acquisition process, under challenge, shall not continue, during the subsistence of the interim order of the Learned Single Judge, of the erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh, dated 06.03.2012, in W.P.No.6042 of 2012.
- 3) The issue of whether the land in question is double wet crop land nor the issue whether such double wet crop land can be acquired has been considered by the Learned Single Judge, and the same can be agitated before the Learned Single Judge, for purposes of interim directions, by way of a fresh application.
- 4) Subject to direction No.2, and direction No.3, the acquisition proceedings may be carried on. However, if there is a finding by the Full Bench, in favour of the Appellant, that the notification and declaration issued by the District Collector was without jurisdiction, the entire

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acquisition proceedings shall be treated to have lapsed and the respondents would have to initiate fresh proceedings, for purposes of calculating the compensation payable to the appellant, by taking the date of the new declaration as the date for fixing compensation. Any payment that would be made under the award proceedings, in the present acquisition, shall be set off against the compensation, payable, if any, under the fresh proceedings.

5) If it is found that the Award, relied upon by the respondents, has been passed within 30 days of the date of publication of the public notice, under Section 21 of the Act, the said Award would be disregarded, and as per the submission of the Learned Advocate General, a fresh Award would have to be passed."

Sd/- K.TATA RAO DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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For

SECTION OFFICER

To,

- The Principal Secretary, Revenue (L.A) Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Amaravati Guntur District.
- 2. The District Collector, Tirupathi, Tirupathi District.
- 3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupathi Revenue Division, Tirupathi District.
- 4. The Tahsildar, Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District. (Addresses 1 to 4 by RPAD)
- 5. One CC to SRI. V VINOD K REDDY, Advocate [OPUC]
- 6. Two CCs to GP FOR LAND ACQUISITION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
- 7. Two spare copies

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HIGH COURT

RRR,J

&

DR.KMR,J

DATED:06/05/2025

ORDER

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DIRECTION

