## **HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI**

## MAIN CASE No:C.R.P (SR).No.30817 OF 2023

## PROCEEDING SHEET

DATE	ORDER	OI N
	RNT,J	
28.08.2023	Heard Sri M. Rahul Chowdary, learned counsel representing for the petitioner's counsel.  2. This C.R.P (SR) is filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India challenging the endorsement dated 17.07.2023 made in I.A.No. (unnumbered) of 2023 (C.F.R.No.2515) in I.A.No.243 of 2013 in O.S.No.159 of 2003 on the file of the Principal Senior Civil Judge, Tirupati.  3. The Registry of this Court returned the above (C.R.P.(SR) with the following objection:  "Please clarify and state as to how this CRPSR is entertainable, against the (Office Objection, i.e, mere office objection of the lower court is not a ground to file the CRP in this Hon'ble High Court."  4. Learned counsel for the petitioner represented the same with the following endorsement:  "Although the endorsement is prior to numbering of this application, it was signed by the Judicial Officer, amounting to judicial orders. The matter was refused to be called on bench even. Therefore, as petitioners have no other relief, petition under Article 227 is maintainable. "If the office is not convinced, please place the petition before the Hon'ble Court for necessary orders."	
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- 5. The petition has been placed before this Court.
- 6. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the plaintiff filed O.S.No.159 of 2003 on the file of Principal Senior civil Judge, Tirupati for partition. Preliminary decree dated 17.01.2008 was passed. In preparation of the final decree, on the plaintiff's application, order was passed for sale of Item No.I of the plaint schedule property. The legal representatives of the deceased-2<sup>nd</sup> defendant (present petitioners) filed un-numbered I.A.No.\_\_\_\_ of 2023 dated 05.05.2023 for setting aside the sale dated 06.04.2023.
- 7. The office of the learned Trial Court submitted, report with respect to the service no service of notice on the respondents in I.A. It also made endorsement that "there is no appeal intimation received by this court still so far", and also that "confirmation of sale scheduled, posted to 17.07.2023."
- 8. The above report is at page 24 of the petition. At page No.23, of the petition, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits, is the order of the Principal Senior Civil Judge, Tirupati, which reads as under:

"Returned.

The noted Sections has no application to the facts. Hence returned".

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits 9. that the original I.A.No.1 of 2023 was then returned under the order of the learned Trial Court. The said order is 'undated'.

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- The original I.A has been filed along with 10. the present petition.
- 11. Learned counsel for the petitioner placing reliance in Estralla Rubber vs. Dass Estate (P) Ltd.,1, Shalini Shyam Shetty and another vs. Rajendra Shankar Patil<sup>2</sup>, Surya Dev Rai vs. Ram Chander Rai and others<sup>3</sup>, submits that the C.R.P under Article 227 India is maintainable. Constitution of The objective of Article 227 is to see that the courts within the jurisdiction of the High Court, act within their bounds as also for promotion of public confidence in the administration of justice, the High Court being custodian of justice.
- 12. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's application was not even numbered. It was filed specifically mentioning under Order 21 Rules 90, 97, 100 and 101 CPC read with Section 151 CPC. Whether those provisions of law were applicable or not and the petitioner's application was maintainable or not, it could be decided only after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner but it could not be returned by the order as passed by the learned Principal Senior civil Judge, Tirupati. He submits that the order also does not bear the date of the judicial officer.

<sup>1 (2001) 8</sup> SCC 97

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> (2010) 8 SCC 329

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> (2003) 6 SCC 675

- 13. He further submits that the objection by the Registry of this Court is also untenable.
- 14. Considering the aforesaid, the Registry of this Court is directed to allot number to the present C.R.P.
- 15. There appears to be nothing in respect of the report of the office of the learned Trial Court, pointing out any defect in the application so as to return it for resubmission after rectifying the defects.
- 16. The rejection by the learned Trial Court is not on any ground of defect, but that the Sections noted has no application.
- 17. Prima facie, even if the learned Trial Court was of the view that the noted Sections had no application to the facts, the petitioner should have been given opportunity of hearing and on consideration of the arguments appropriate order, should have been passed.
- 18. Let the Court concerned submit report, through learned Principal District Judge, Chittoor on the followings:
  - i) The order does not bear any date.
  - ii) As to why opportunity of hearing was not afforded to the petitioner.
  - iii) Whether on the ground mentioned, the IA could be returned.
  - iv) Under which legal provision such an order of return of IA could be passed.
- 19. Post on 18.09.2023.

- 20. The sale even if confirmed and the sale certificate, even if issued, the same shall remain subject to further orders in this petition.
- 21. Let the copy of this order be sent to the Principal District Judge, Chittoor along with copy of page Nos.8 to 24 of this petition.
- 22. Issuance of notice to the respondents will be considered after receipt of the response from the learned Principal District Judge, Chittoor.

RNT,J

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