

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

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF OCTOBER,  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE U.DURGA PRASAD RAO**  
**WRIT PETITION NO: 23639 OF 2021**



**Between:**

M.Narasimhulu, aged 51 years, S/o.Narasaraju, R/o.H.No.1-32, Chinthapudi,  
C.S.Puram, Prakasam District.

...Petitioner

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce (Mines) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District, A.P.
2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Deputy Director, Mines and Geology, Ongole, Prakasam District.
4. The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Markapur, Prakasam District. Andhra Pradesh.

...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 particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring that the amendments made to A.P.Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 through GO MS.No.65, Industries and Commerce (Mines-III) Department, dated 4-8-2021 are only prospective and will not affect the pending mining lease applications and consequently set aside the notice issued by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent in Letter No.5031/D9/2021 dated 28.8.2021 as the same is arbitrary, illegal and without authority of law.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2021**

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 2nd respondent to process the mining lease application of the petitioner dated 7-5-2018 in respect of the land of 15-00 Hectares in Sy.No.1/2 P of Kattakindapalli Village, Pamur Mandal, Prakasam District, without insisting for payment of premium amount equivalent to 10 times the dead rent, pending disposal of WP.No.23639 of 2021, on the file of the High Court.

**IA NO: 2 OF 2021**

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 respondent not to take any coercive steps pursuant to the letter No. 5031/D9/2021 dated 28-8-2021 issued by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent by suspending the same, pending disposal of WP.No.23639 of 2021, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri G.Ramachandra Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner and GP for Mines & Geology for the Respondent, the Court made the following.

**ORDER:**

**“Learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology takes notice for the respondents and seeks time for getting instructions.**

**At request, post on 28.10.2021.**

In the meanwhile, the respondent authorities shall not take any coercive steps against the petitioner pursuant to the impugned letter No.5031/D9/2021, dated 28.08.2021."

Sd/- G.HELNA NAIDU  
ASSISATNT REGISTRAR

//TRUE COPY//

For As SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce (Mines) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District, State of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Deputy Director, Mines and Geology, Ongole, Prakasam District.
4. The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Markapur, Prakasam District. Andhra Pradesh. (Addresses 1 to 4 by RPAD)
5. One CC to Sri. G.Ramachandra Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP for Mines & Geology, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

MM







**HIGH COURT**

**UDPRJ**

**DATED:20/10/2021**

**NOTE: POST ON 28.10.2021**

**ORDER**

**WP.No.23639 of 2021**

**INTERIM DIRECTION**

