

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

WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 10749 OF 2026

Between:

A. Gattu Yadav, S/o A Pentanna Aged 52 years, Occu: President, BRS Party
Wanaparthy District, R/o.H.No. 35-53, Vallabh Nagar, Wanaparthy Town &
District.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home Department,
Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Wanaparthy District, Telangana State.
3. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Wanaparthy Dist Wanaparthy

...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 an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondent No.2 herein in issuing the Impugned Proceedings C.No.121/SB-XI/WNPY/2026 dated. 07-04-2026 cancelling the permission granted by the 3rd Respondent herein vide Proceedings No.73/Mike/SDPO-WNP/2026 dated. 03-04-2026 for conduct of Public Meeting of BRS Party at Dharna Chowk, Gollapally Village gate of Revally Mandal on 09-04-2026 from 05.00 pm to 09.00 pm as being illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b) of Constitution of India and consequently set aside the Proceedings C.No.121/SB-XI/WNPY/2026 dated: 07-04-2026 issued by the 2nd Respondent.

IA 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 Suspend the Impugned Proceedings C.No.121/SB-XI/WNPY/2026 dated: 07-04-2026 issued by the 2nd Respondent herein by permitting the Petitioner to conduct the Public Meeting consequent to the permission granted by the 3rd Respondent

herein vide Proceedings No.73/Mike/SDPO-WNP/2026 dated: 03-04-2026
pending disposal of the writ petition in the interests of justice.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI T.V. RAMANA RAO

Counsel for the Respondents: SRI MAHESH RAJE, GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following: ORDER

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V.VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION No.10749 of 2026

Dated: 08.04.2026

Between:

A.Gattu Yadav

... Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Home Department, Secretariat,
Hyderabad and two (2) others

... Respondents

ORDER:

The present Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the following relief/s:-

"... to issue an appropriate writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondent No.2 herein in issuing the Impugned Proceedings C.No.121/SB-XI/WNPY/2026 dated:07-04-2026 cancelling the permission granted by the 3rd Respondent herein vide Proceedings No.73/Mike/SDPO-WNP/2026 dated: 03-04-2026 for conduct of Public Meeting of BRS Party at Dharna Chowk, Gollapally Village gate of Revally Mandal on 09.04.2026 from 05:00 pm to 09:00 pm as being illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory and violative of Article 14, 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b) of Constitution of India and consequently set aside the Proceedings C.No.121/SB-XI/WNPY/2026 dated:07-04-2026 issued by the 2nd Respondent and pass such other and further orders ..."

2. Heard Mr.T.V.Ramana Rao, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Mahesh Raje, learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondents. Perused the record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the District President of BRS Political Party, Wanaparthy District, Telangana State. On 03.04.2026, the BRS Party had made an application to respondent No.3 seeking permission to organize a Public meeting and to use Mike/Box type speaker at Dharna Chowk, Gollapally Village gate, Revally Mandal, Wanaparthy District and requested the Police to arrange adequate Police bandobast to maintain law and order in order to ensure peaceful conduct of Public meeting. He submits that the said meeting would be attended by Sri T.Harish Rao, MLA, Siddipet Assembly Constituency and former Irrigation Minister of Telangana State and Sri S.Niranjan Reddy, former Minister of Telangana State along with other public representatives.

4. He contends that respondent No.3, vide Proceedings No.73/Mike/SDPO-WNP/2026 dated 03.04.2026 granted permission for conduct of Public meeting of BRS Party at Dharna Chowk, Gollapally Village gate of Revally Mandal on 09.04.2026 from 05:00 P.M. to 09:00 P.M. by imposing (26) conditions. While so, surprisingly, without affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, respondent No.2 had

issued the impugned proceedings vide C.No.121/SB-XI/WN
PY/2026 dated:07.04.2026 i.e., yesterday cancelling the
permission granted by respondent No.3 by stating as follows:-

“Whereas, present Law & Order situations and
circumstances, it is considered necessary to take
preventive measures in the interest of maintenance of
public order and tranquility.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under
relevant provisions of law, the permission granted vide
reference 1st cited is hereby cancelled with immediate
effect.”

5. He further contends that respondent No.3 had not
assigned any specific cogent reason for passing the impugned
proceedings and that the same curtails the fundamental right
to speech guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) and Article
19(1)(b) of Constitution of India. Relying on the order dated
21.11.2024 passed by this Court in W.P.No.32799 of 2024
and the order dated 22.01.2025 passed by this Court in
W.P.No.1518 of 2025, he seeks the indulgence of this Court to
pass appropriate orders.

6. Learned Government Pleader for Home, by furnishing the
copy of written instructions dated 08.04.2026 addressed by
respondent No.2 contends that as per the intelligence inputs
and the credible information, there is likelihood of
mobilization of about 7,000 to 10,000 persons in the meeting

which is far exceeding the permitted strength. Hence, there is a possibility of creating serious risk of crowd mismanagement and break down of law and order in the Village. He further states that public safety is of paramount importance and such kind of meetings may lead to re-occurrence of past incidents as were stated to have been reported in Lagacherla Village, thereby leading to potential and rapid escalation of violence.

7. He further states that involvement of one Sri Dodla Ramulu, a local political functionary is stated to be heading the agitation. The said individual is a rowdy sheeter with multiple criminal antecedents, including offences relating to unlawful assembly, rioting, obstruction of public servants and other serious violations which demonstrate a pattern of conduct prejudicial to public order. He further states that the State is duty bound to take preventive measures where there exists reasonable apprehension of disturbance to public peace and tranquility. Hence, the impugned proceedings dated 07.04.2026 are passed by respondent No.2 as a preventive measure to maintain public safety and convenience. Stating so, he seeks to dismiss the Writ Petition.

8. A bare reading of the impugned proceedings dated 07.04.2026 passed by respondent No.2 shows that, respondent No.2 has not assigned any specific valid and cogent reasons for cancelling the permission granted to the petitioner for conducting Public meeting except stating that it is a preventive measure to maintain public order and tranquility at Dharna Chowk, Gollapally Village Gate, Revally Mandal. In so far as the aspect of participation of 7,000-10,000 persons in the meeting is concerned, it is the duty of official respondents to take steps to arrange more number of police personnel for smooth conduct of meeting in order to ensure that there shall not be breach of peace and tranquility. Rather, imposing complete restriction for organizing Meeting cannot be appreciated. Therefore, the grounds of rejection, in the opinion of this Court, are unwarranted.

9. In view of the above, the Writ Petition is allowed and the impugned proceedings vide C.No.121/SB-XI/WNPY/2026 dated 07.04.2026 issued by respondent No.2 are set aside. The petitioner is directed to conduct the public meeting on 09.04.2026 from 05:00 P.M. to 09:00 P.M. by strictly adhering to the conditions imposed by respondent No.3. It is made

clear this order shall not preclude the official respondents to take appropriate action, strictly in accordance with law, in case of violation of law and order, in conducting the meeting.

10. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is allowed. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous Petitions, pending if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- B. REKHA RANI
ASS STANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

- To,
1. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, The State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
 2. The Superintendent of Police, Wanaparthy District, Telangana State.
 3. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Wanaparthy Dist Wanaparthy
 4. One CC to SRI T.V. RAMANA RAO, Advocate [OPUC]
 5. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana. [OUT]
 6. Two CD Copies

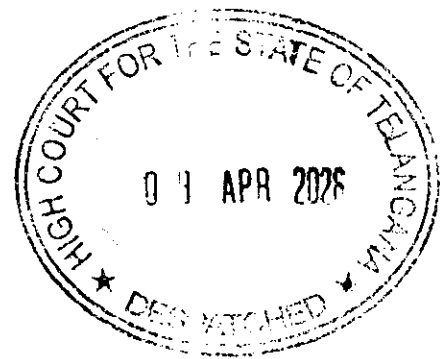
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CC TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED:08/04/2026



ORDER

WP.No.10749 of 2026

ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS

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