

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

TUESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WRIT PETITION NO: 36888 OF 2025

Between:

1. Nagula Santhosh, S/o. Shankar, Age 37 years, Occ: Private Employee, R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
2. Bollam kishan, S/o. Rajanna, Age 35 years, Occ: Private Employee R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District
3. Gora srikanth, S/o. pochamallu , Age 34 years, Occ: Private Employee R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District

...PETITIONERS

AND

1. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The District Collector, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, at Bhupalpally.
3. The Tahsildar, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
4. Vennapureddy Vasantha, W/o. V. Mohan Reddy R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
5. Vennapureddy Mohan Reddy, S/o. Bapu Reddy, R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.

...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 more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondents 2 & 3 in not passing any order/not conducting proper enquiry into the matter upon the representation of the petitioners dt. 06.02.2025 and 26-11-2025 made against the unofficial respondents, who obtained fake Caste and Community Certificate of BC-B from the Government Authority as they belong to Reddy Community which

is violation of Article 14, 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents 2 and 3 to dispose off the representation of petitioner dt. 06.02.2025 by conducting enquiry into the matter forthwith.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 respondents 2 and 3 to dispose off the representation of petitioner dt. 06.02.2025 and 26-11-2025 by conducting enquiry into the matter forthwith as well as suspend/cancel the Caste, Community Certificates issued infavour of unofficial respondents forthwith pending disposal of the writ petition.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

Between:

1. Mengani Ashok, S/o.Thirupathaiah, Age:58 Years, Occ Private Employee, R/o.2-73,5, Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.

**PETITIONER/PROP.PETITIONER No.4
AND**

1. Nagula Santhosh, S/o. Shankar, Age 37 years, Occ: Private Employee, R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
2. Bollam kishan, S/o. Rajanna, Age 35 years, Occ: Private Employee R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District
3. Gora srikanth, S/o. pochamallu , Age 34 years, Occ: Private Employee R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District

...RESPONDENTS/PETITIONERS

AND

4. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
5. The District Collector, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, a Bhupalpally.
6. The Tahsildar, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
7. Vennapureddy Vasantha, W/o. V. Mohan Reddy R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
8. Vennapureddy Mohan Reddy, S/o. Bapu Reddy, R/o. Kaleswaram Village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.

...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 permit the proposed Petitioner No. 4 to bring as Party Petitioner NO. 4 in the WP No. 36888 of 2025 as well in IAs.

Counsel for the Petitioners: SRI P. SUMALATHA

**Counsel for the Proposed Petitioner No.4: RAMAKRISHNA KULAKARNI,
ADVOCATE**

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: GP FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Counsel for the Respondents Nos.2 & 3: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondents Nos.4 & 5: Mr.KARUNAKAR REDDY, ADVOCATE

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHIMAPAKA
WRIT PETITION No.36888 of 2025

20th January, 2026

Between:

1. Nagula Santhosh, S/o Shankar, and others

... Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, and others

... Respondents

ORDER:

The case of the petitioners is that they belong to Mahadevpur Mandal of Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, and that they made representations dated 06.02.2025 and 26.11.2025 to the respondents No.2 and 3, i.e., District Collector of Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, and Tahsildar, Mahadevpur Mandal, respectively, bringing to their notice that the unofficial respondents No.4 and 5, i.e., Vennapureddy Vasantha w/o Vennapureddy Mohan Reddy, and Vennapureddy Mohan Reddy, respectively, have fraudulently obtained Backward Class-B certificates declaring themselves as belonging to Gandla Caste of BC community, when actually the unofficial respondents belong to Reddy Caste under General Community. The petitioners have also made representations under Right to Information Act, 2005, before the respondent No.3 about the candidates who were approved BC caste certificates under

Gandla Caste, and the 3rd respondent provided information vide Rc.No.C/131/2025 dated 03.07.2025, wherein the 3rd respondent submitted the report by recommending to the 2nd respondent to cancel the Caste Certificates stated therein, issued in villages of Mahadevpur Mandal. The unofficial respondents are shown at Serial Nos.10 and 11 of the said letter dated 03.07.2025. It is the grievance of the petitioners that their representations dated 06.02.2025 and 26.11.2025 have not yet been acted upon by the respondents No.2 and 3, and therefore the petitioners seek a direction to the respondents No.2 and 3 to dispose of the representations of the petitioners, dated 06.02.2025 and 26.11.2025, by conducting enquiry into the matter in accordance with law.

2. Heard Ms. P. Sumalatha, learned counsel for the petitioner; and learned Government Pleader for Backward Classes, learned Government Pleader for Revenue, and Mr. Karunakar Reddy, learned counsel for unofficial respondents No.4 and 5. Perused the record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners would draw the attention of the Court to Telangana (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 wherein the Commission, at Paragraph No.VII has advised *that the request for inclusion of "Reddy Gandla" community in the Central list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh be rejected as it is not a socially backward class.* Learned counsel would also place on record an Income & Asset Certificate issued to one Vennapureddy Nandhini, D/o Vennapureddy Shyamsunder of Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, wherein it is recorded that the said Vennapureddy Nandhini belongs to OC Reddy Caste, which is not a recognized as Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Classes (Central List). Learned counsel would however contend that their

representations on the caste certificate obtained by the unofficial respondents fraudulently, has not been disposed of to date.

4. Learned counsel for unofficial respondents placed an earlier order passed by this Court in W.P.No.21241 of 2018, dated 04.07.2018, wherein the unofficial respondents approached this Court aggrieved by non-issuance of Digital Caste Certificate despite issuing them with a hard copy of the caste certificate earlier; and this Court directed the authorities to issue Digital Certificate, however, by observing that the Order does not preclude the authorities from initiating action under Section 5 of the Act, if they are of the view that the caste certificate is false. Learned counsel draws attention to a publication titled "*The Castes and Tribes of H.E.H. The Nizam's Dominions*"¹ wherein under Chapter XCII (chapter 92), there is a description on the Origins and Internal Structures of *Teti or Gandla* caste, stating that "*In Telengana the caste is divided into the following endogamous groups. Deva Gandla, Balna Gandla, Telkula Gandla Reddi Gandla, Vantayeddu Gandla, Siva Gandla ...*". Attention is also drawn to the Telangana State Commission for Backward Classes, letter dated 26.04.2023 addressed by the Member Secretary of the Commission to the District Collectors, wherein a representation of Mulukalla Thirupathi, President Gandla Kula Sankshema Sangham, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, dated 14.09.2019, has been referred, and asked the District Collectors to look into the matter and offer their remarks. Further, a letter vide R.C.No.A1/1057/2008 dated 11.12.2008 of the Backward Classes Welfare Department, during the erstwhile composite State of Andhra Pradesh is also placed to contend that originally these people used to eke out their living by milling oil using the traditional wooden-milling (chakka-ganga) and were

¹ By Syed Siraj Ul Hassan of Oxford Trinity College, London, (published in The Times Press, 1920)

referred as "Gandla" only, however, with the gradual phasing out of the profession of "chakka-ganuga", the people practiced agriculture, and the younger generation fondly suffixed Reddy to their names out of fashion, and thereby came to be called "Reddy Gandla" community. It is further contended that the power to cancel a community certificate is exclusively vested in the District Collector under Section 5(1) of the Act; and the petitioners without even waiting for the District Collector to pass orders on their representations filed this writ petition. It is contended that even assuming that the District Collector passes order against the unofficial respondents, the unofficial respondents have a statutory right of appeal to the Government (Backward Classes) Welfare Department, under Section 7(2) of the Act, and also there is a review remedy before the Government. Learned counsel therefore contends that the petitioners circumvented the statutory mechanism and filed this writ petition.

5. Learned Government Pleader for Backward Classes, based on the counter affidavit filed by respondent No.3-Tahsildar, Mahadevpur Mandal, would essentially contend that in response to the Tahsildar's letter dated 03.07.2025, the respondent No.2-District Collector has addressed a letter dated 06.12.2025 to the Member Secretary, Telangana Commission for Backward Classes, Hyderabad, requesting to issue necessary instructions in the matter, and the Member Secretary advised the District Collector to follow the Standing Instructions of the Government in the matter of issuance of community certificates to the Reddy Gandla community, until any modification or revised orders are issued by the Government. It is contended that the Gram Panchayat election schedule for Kaleshwaram Grampanchayat of Mahadevpur Mandal has been issued, and the nomination filing process has also been completed and final list of contesting candidates

was published on 09.12.2025, and the polling date is scheduled for 17.12.2025. It is further contended that the petitioner No.1 and unofficial respondent No.5 are contesting the Grampanchayat elections, and election symbols have been allotted to both and at this stage the petitioners claim cannot be considered, and therefore appropriate orders may be passed in the writ petition.

6. Having considered the respective submissions and perused the record, at the outset, the grievance of the petitioners is that the caste of unofficial respondents does not fall under BC-B community, and their caste certificate claiming Reddy Gandla caste is fraudulently obtained. The petitioners submitted representations dated 06.02.2025, and 26.11.2025 to the respondents No.2 and 3, however, the representations have been kept pending to date.

7. At this juncture, it is to be noted that the task of determining whether a particular caste is/has to be included within a particular Backward Class community, or excluded, falls within the domain of the Backward Classes Commission, and the Government is competent authority to issue necessary orders based on the recommendations of the Backward Classes Commission in such matters. In the instant case, it is the specific stand of the respondent No.3-Tahsildar through the counter affidavit that the Member Secretary, Telangana Commission for Backward Classes has advised the respondent No.2-District Collector to follow the Standing Instructions in the matter of issuance of community certificates to the Reddy Gandla community until any modification or revised orders are issued by the Government. Therefore, this Court does not see any impediment for the respondent No.2-District Collector in disposing the representations dated 06.02.2025, and 26.11.2025 filed by the petitioners, in accordance with the Standing Instructions issued

by the Government in this matter, and also take consequential action as per Section 5 of the Act, if the unofficial respondents are found to be not belonging to Reddy Gandla caste, falling under Backward Class-B community.

8. In that view of the matter, the respondent No.2-District Collector, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, is directed to pass appropriate orders on the representations dated 06.02.2025, and 26.11.2025, in accordance with the extant guidelines of the Government in the matter, as per law, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8.1 Though a contention is raised by the 3rd respondent that election schedule has been finalised for Kaleshwaram Grampanchayat, and both the petitioner as well as the unofficial respondent are contesting, this Court is not inclined to advert to that contention in this writ petition filed about the alleged fraudulent caste certificate of the unofficial respondent, as the essential grievance of the petitioners in this writ petition is that the respondent authorities have not acted on their representations dated 06.02.2025 and 26.11.2025. Needless to state that it shall be left open for the respective parties to agitate their grievance, if any, in appropriate proceedings, pursuant to the orders that would be passed by the 2nd respondent, as directed above.

9. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs. Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

Sd/-S.MALLIKARJUNA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The District Collector, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, at Bhupalpally.
3. The Tahsildar, Mahadevpur Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.
4. One CC to SRI P. SUMALATHA, Advocate [OPUC]

5. One CC to SRI M.KARUNAKAR REDDY, Advocate [OF JC]
6. One CC to SRI RAMAKRISHNA KULAKARNI, Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR BACKWARD CLASSES, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad . [OUT]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad . [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

CC TODAY

DATED:20/01/2026



ORDER

WP.No.36888 of 2025

**DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS**

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