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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3330]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE TARLADA RAJASEKHAR RAO

WRIT PETITION NO: 18187/2026

Between:

1. SMT. GOLLAMUDI JHANSI LAKSHMI, W/O. LATE SRI RAMAKOTESWARA RAO, AGED ABOUT 80 YEARS, OCC HOUSEWIFE, R/O D.N0.2-36A, VADLAMUDI VILLAGE, CHEBROLU MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 522213

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, ANDHRA PRADESH - 522 237
2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND CHAIRMAN, MAINTENANCE TRIBUNAL UNDER THE MAINTENANCE AND WELFARE OF PARENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS ACT, 2007, COLLECTORATE, GUNTUR,GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 002
3. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, CHEBROLU POLICE STATION, CHEBROLU, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 212
4. THE SUBREGISTRAR, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, CHEBROLU, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 212

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 inaction of the 2nd Respondent in not considering the petitioners representation dated 19.05.2026 submitted under the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 as arbitrary and contrary to the statutory obligations entrusted to the competent authority under the said Act, and consequently direct the 2nd Respondent to consider the petitioners representation, issue notice to all concerned parties, conduct an enquiry in accordance with law, calling for such records from the Sub-Registrar, Chebrolu Mandai, Guntur District and other authorities as may be necessary, and pass a reasoned order within such time as may be stipulated by this Honble Court, and pass

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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 pleased to direct the 2nd Respondent to forthwith take up the petitioner's representation dated 19.05.2026, issue notice to the necessary parties, call for such records from the 3rd Respondent, Sub-Registrar, Chebrolu Mandal, Guntur District and other authorities as may be necessary, conduct an enquiry in accordance with the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and pass a reasoned order within a time to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court, pending disposal of the present Writ Petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. GOLLAMUDI NAGASATYANARAYANA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR WOMEN DEV CHILD WELFARE
2. GP FOR HOME
3. GP FOR REVENUE
4. GP FOR REGISTRATION AND STAMPS

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE TARLADA RAJASEKHAR RAO

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ORDER:

The present Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following relief:

> *"…*to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the 2nd Respondent in not considering the petitioner's representation dated 19.05.2026 submitted under the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 as arbitrary and contrary to the statutory obligations entrusted to the competent authority under the said Act, and consequently direct the 2nd Respondent to consider the petitioner's representation, issue notice to all concerned parties, conduct an enquiry in accordance with law, calling for such records from the Sub-Registrar, Chebrolu Mandai, Guntur District and other authorities as may be necessary, and pass a reasoned order within such time as may be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court.…"

2. The petitioner herein submitted a representation dated 19.05.2026 under the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 (for short the 'Act') to the 2nd respondent-District Collector & Chairman, Maintenance Tribunal. Now, the present writ petition has been filed to direct the 2nd respondent to dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 19.05.2026.

3. As per the provisions of the Act, the District Collector is the appellate authority. Therefore, this Court cannot issue a direction to the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation in the first instance. The appropriate remedy available to the petitioner is to approach the Revenue

Divisional Officer-cum-Sub-Collector, who is the competent authority under the Act.

4. Hence, the present Writ Petition is disposed of permitting the petitioner to file an appropriate application before the appropriate authority under the provisions of the Act within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On filing such application, the concerned authority is directed to entertain the same and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE TARLADA RAJASEKHAR RAO

Date: 07.07.2026

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Whether the order is:
Speaking **Yes**/No / Reasoned Yes/No
Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable **Yes**/No

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Date: 07.07.2026

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