

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SARATH
WRIT PETITION NO: 2208 AND 2209 OF 2026

WRIT PETITION NO: 2208 OF 2026:

Between:

Padi Rama Krishna Reddy, S/o Late Padi Sudhakar Reddy.

Petitioner

AND

1. State of Telangana, Department of Revenue (Endowments II), Hyderabad, Rep. by its Secretary
2. Commissioner of Endowment Department, Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Karimnagar District.
4. Collector and District Magistrate (PLG),, Karimnagar.
5. The Tahsildar, Veenavanka Mandal, Karimnagar 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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ or order or direction declaring the action of Respondent No. 3 (Asst. Commissioner, Endowments) in issuing proceedings Rc. No. A/95/2025 dated 09.01.2026 requesting Respondent No. 2 (Commissioner, Endowments) to constitute a Renovation/festival committee to conduct the Samakka Saralamma Jathara at Veenavanka and the subsequent action of office of Respondent No. 2 (Commissioner, Endowments) in issuing proceedings vide Rc. No. F5/616/2026-2 dated 20.01.2026 directing Respondent No. 3 (Asst. Commissioner, Endowments) to take 'necessary action' to conduct the Samakka Saralamma Jathara at Veenavaka to be held from 28.01.2026 to 30.01.2026 as illegal, unconstitutional, and in violation of the Petitioner's right under Article 25, 26 of the constitution of India and in violation of the Orders of this Hon'ble Court and consequently direct the Respondents not to interfere with the peaceful possession and ownership of the Petitioner over the Subject Land and the right of the Petitioner to conduct and organize the Jathara in accordance with the prevailing customs and traditions since the last 50 years.

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 it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may SUSPEND the operation of proceedings of Respondent No. 3 (Asst. Commissioner, Endowments) vide Rc. No. A/95/2025 dated

09.01.2026 requesting Respondent No. 2 (Commissioner, Endowments) to constitute a Renovation/festival committee and the subsequent proceedings by Respondent No. 2 (Commissioner, Endowments) vide Re. No. F5/616/2026-2 dated 20.01.2026 directing Respondent No. 3 (Asst. Commissioner, Endowments) to take necessary action to conduct the Jathara to be held from 28.01.2026 to 30.01.2026, pending disposal of WP 2208 of 2026, 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 M/S K SIDDHARTH RAO Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR ENDOWMENTS for the Respondents, the Court made the following;

WRIT PETITION NO: 2209 OF 2026:

Between:

Padi Udaynandhan Reddy, S/o Jitender Reddy.

Petitioner

AND

1. State of Telangana, Department of Revenue (Endowments II), Hyderabad, Rep. by its Secretary.
2. Commissioner of Endowment Department, Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Karimnagar District.
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Endowments) vide Rc. No. A/95/2025 dated 09.01.2026 requesting Respondent No. 2 (Commissioner, Endowments) to constitute a Renovation/festival committee and the subsequent proceedings by Respondent No. 2 Commissioner, Endowments) vide Rc. No. F5/616/2026-2 dated 20.01.2026 directing Respondent No. 3 (Asst. Commissioner, Endowments) to take necessary action to conduct the Jathara to be held from 28.01.2026 to 30.01.2026 pending disposal of the present Writ Petition., Pending disposal of WP 2209 of 2026, 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 M/S I RAMANA REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR ENDOWMENTS for the Respondents, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

Heard Sri E. Madan Mohan Rao, learned Senior Counsel, Sri P. Sri Raghuram, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioners and Sri B. Mangilal Naik, learned Government Pleader for Endowments and perused the record.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners in both the writ petitions submit that the petitioners are absolute owners and possessors of land admeasuring to an extent of Ac.4-20 gts in Sy.No.1294/A situated at Veenavanka Village, Karimnagar District and their families are conducting Sammakka Saralamma Jathara since 50 years in the said land. Earlier, the respondent authorities have included the subject property under Section 43 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 (For short 'the Act, 1987) and the petitioner in W.P.No.2208 of 2026 has filed W.P.No.6864 of 2022 and this Court passed interim order in I.A.No.2 of 2022 in W.P.No.6864 of 2022 dated 08.02.2022 suspending the proceedings issued under Section 43 of the Act, 1987 and the said writ petition is still pending. They submit that in the year, 2022, the respondent authorities have issued G.O.Rt.No.38 Revenue(Endowments.II) Department dated 28.01.2022 for constitution of Renovation Committee to Sri Sammakka and Saralamma at Vennavanka, Krimnagar District and questioning the said G.O.Rt, the petitioners have filed W.P.Nos.6273 and 6282 of 2022 and this Court passed interim order in W.P.Nos.6273 and 6282 of 2022 dated 04.02.2022.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners further submits that again in view of Sammakka Saralamma Jathara to be held on 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2026, the respondent No.2 has issued impugned proceedings vide Rc.No.F5/616/2026-2 dated 20.01.2026 directing the respondent No.3 to take necessary action to conduct Sammakka Saralamma Jathara at Veenavanka in a peaceful manner in coordination with the District Collector, line departments and Gram Panchayat Authorities. They further submits that though this Court has earlier directed the respondent authorities to supervise the Jathara conducted by the petitioners and their family members, now without any authority, the respondent No.2 has issued the impugned proceedings directing the respondent No.3 to conduct Jathara in coordination with the District Collector and the authorities concerned and the same is arbitrary and illegal and contrary to the earlier interim orders passed by this Court and the

respondent No.2 has no power to pass the impugned order in view of the earlier interim orders passed by this Court in I.A.No.2 of 2022 in W.P.No.6864 of 2022 dated 08.02.2022 and requested to pass interim order directing the respondents not to interfere with the petitioners and their family members for conducting Jathara to be held on 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2026.

On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for Endowments has not disputed with regard to the earlier interim orders passed by this Court in I.A.No.2 of 2022 in W.P.No.6864 of 2022 dated 08.02.2022 and also in W.P.Nos.6273 and 6282 of 2022 dated 04.02.2022 and submits that there is a dispute between the petitioners and the respondent Department with regard to the Notification issued under Section 43 of the Act, 1987. He submits that there is no cause of action in filing these writ petitions and these are premature and the respondent authorities have not appointed any one for Renovation Committee and they want to conduct Jathara with peaceful manner with the help of the District Collector and the other authorities concerned and this is not a fit case to grant interim orders in these writ petitions and requested time to file counters.

After hearing both sides and perusal of the record, this Court is of the considered view that admittedly there is a dispute between the petitioners and the respondent Department and earlier, the petitioners have approached this Court for questioning the Constitution of Renovation Committee and this Court granted interim orders in W.P.Nos.6273 and 6282 of 2022 dated 04.02.2022 and also in I.A.No.2 of 2022 in W.P.No.6864 of 2022 dated 08.02.2022 wherein the petitioners are questioning the Notification issued by the respondents under Section 43 of the Act, 1987 and this Court has suspended the said Notification.

The operative portion of the order in W.P.Nos.6273 and 6282 of 2022 dated 04.02.2022 is as under;

“Having regard to the fact that the petitioners have been conducting Jathara for the last more than 46 years, which fact has not been denied by both the learned Government Pleader as well as the learned Standing Counsel, the ends of justice would be met if the impugned G.O. is suspended and the petitioners are permitted to conduct Jathara which is said to have been scheduled from 16.02.2022 to 19.02.2022, pending further orders of this Court. The officials of the Endowments Department shall only supervise the conducting of the Jathara by the family members of the petitioners without any interference, as was done for the last 46 years”.

Now the respondent No.2 is directed the respondent No.3 to conduct Jathara with the coordination of the District Collector and the other authorities concerned, but not mentioned with regard to permitting the petitioners and their family members to conduct Jathara as directed by this Court in the earlier round of litigation.

In view of the same, there shall be interim direction to the respondent authorities to permit the petitioners and their family members to conduct Sammakka Saralamma Jathara to be held on 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2026 and the officials of the Endowments Department shall only supervise the same

without interference and without reference to the impugned Proceedings in
Rc.No.F5/616/2026-2 dated 20.01.2026.

Post after four (4) weeks.

List on 20.02.2026.

SD/-A.SRINIVASA REDDY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Department of Revenue (Endowments II), State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. Commissioner of Endowment Department, Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Karimnagar District.
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6. One CC to M/S. K SIDDHARTH RAO Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to M/S. I RAMANA Advocate [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR ENDOWMENTS, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
9. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

SK,J

DATED: 23/01/2026

List on 20.02.2026

ORDER

WP.No.2208 and 2209 of 2026

INTERIM DIRECTION

