

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

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

: **PRESENT:**

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 5992 OF 2026

Between:

Gundu Vijay Raji, S/o Prabhakar

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Department of Mines and Geology 2nd Floor, B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Government Offices Complex, Tank Bund Road, Saifabad, Hyderabad-500063. Rep. by its Director
2. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Environment and Forests Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
3. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Revenue Department Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
4. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Irrigation and CAD Department Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat Hyderabad, Telangana - 500022.
5. The Deputy Director, Mines and Geology Warangal District Subedar, Hanumakonda, Warangal - 506002.
6. The District Forest Officer, Warangal Urban District Warangal District Forest Complex Subedari, Hanumakonda - 506001
7. The Collector, Hanumakonda District Office of the Collector and District Magistrate Hanumakonda District
8. The Tahsildar, Dharmasagar Village and Mandal Hanumakonda 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 in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of Respondents, more particularly, Respondent No.6 in not considering the representation dated 30.01.2026 of the Petitioner for issuance of NOC for the proposed mine of the Petitioner as being illegal, arbitrary, unlawful, high-handed, against principles of natural justice and against Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India:

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 direct the Respondent No.1 not to re-issue/re-allot the quarry lease of the Petitioner issued under the Letter of Intent vide Notice No.15360/R1-1/2017-1 dated 15.05.2019 issued by 1st Respondent for mining of 'Quartz' over an extent of land admeasuring 14.63 Hectares in Sy. No 531/IP of Devnoor Village, Dharmasagar Mandal, Warangal Urban District, Telangana State for a period of 20 years in favour of any 3rd party, pending disposal of WP 5992 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 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 direct the Respondent No.6 to forthwith consider the representation dated 30.01.2026 of the Petitioner for issuance of NOC for the proposed mine of the Petitioner, Pending disposal of WP 5992 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 Sri A. Venkatesh, learned Senior Counsel representing Sri Mohammed Sanaullah Farhan Advocate for the Petitioner, Assistant GP for Mines and Geology for the respondent No. 1 & 5 and Assistant GP for Forest for the respondent No. 2 & 6 and GP for Revenue for the respondent No. 3, 7 & 8 and GP for Irrigation for the respondent No. 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Heard Mr. A. Venkatesh, learned senior counsel appearing for Mr. Mohammed Sanaullah Farhan, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forests.

Petitioner submitted representation dated 30.01.2026 to the respondent No.6 seeking NOC for obtaining environmental clearance pursuant to LOI vide Notice No.15360/RI-1/2017 dated 15.05.2019 granted to the petitioner for mining of an extent of 14,900 Hectares in Sy.No.531/1 Part, Devnoor Village, Dharmasagar Mandal, Warangal Urban District.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was granted LOI dated 15.05.2019 and thereafter, he filed an application for grant of environmental clearance from the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (EIAA). It is stated that the project of the petitioner was examined by EIA and in its 131st meeting EIAA directed the petitioner to submit NOC from the Forest Department.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology submitted that Government has issued circular Memo dated 16.12.2025 directing the LOI applicants to submit statutory clearances on or before 28.02.2026. The petitioner, having waited for more than six years, has applied for NOC at the eleventh hour and seeking interim orders from this Court.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submitted that from time to time request was made to all the statutory authorities to grant permissions/clearances and NOCs have been obtained from the Revenue Department as early as on 21.10.2024. That without considering the representation dated 28.10.2021, the respondent authorities are seeking to

allot the quarry site of the petitioner to third party, as such, the petitioner is constrained to approach this Court.

Taking note of the fact that the petitioner was issued LOI on 15.05.2019 and he has been granted statutory clearance by several authorities, further NOC application dated 30.01.2026 made to the respondent No.6 is so far not considered, there shall be interim direction to the respondent No.1 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 30.01.2026 within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Pending such exercise, the respondent No.1 is directed to maintain *status quo*, obtaining as on today, in respect of an extent of 14.900 Hectares in Sy.No.531/1 Part, Devnoor Village, Dharmasagar Mandal, Warangal Urban District.

List on 08.04.2026.

**SD/-P.PONNA KISHNA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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9. One CC to Sri Mohammed Sanaullah Farhan Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CC to GP for Mines and Geology, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
11. Two CC to GP for Irrigation, High Court at Hyderabad(OUT)
12. Two CC to GP for Revenue, High Court at Hyderabad (OUT)
13. Two CC to GP for Forest, High Court at Hyderabad (OUT)
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HIGH COURT

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DATED:25/02/2026

NOTE: LIST ON 08.04.2026

ORDER

WP.No.5992 of 2026

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