IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THURSDAY, THE THIRTHIETH DAY OF JUNE TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VILAS V. AFZULPURKAR

CIVIL REVISION PETITION Nos.1472 and 1571 of 2003	
CRP.No.1472 of 2003	
BETWEEN	
K.S. Naidu and another.	PETITIONERS
AND	
S.R. Chit Funds Pvt. Ltd and others	
	RESPONDENTS
CRP.No.1571 of 2003	
BETWEEN	
S. Hari Babu.	PETITIONER
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S.R. Chit Funds Pvt. Ltd and others	
	RESPONDENTS
Counsel for the Petitioners : MR. KARRI SURYANARAYANA	
Counsel for the Respondents: MR. V. RAGHU	

The Court made the following:

COMMON ORDER:

Two petitioners in CRP.No.1472 of 2003 and the sole petitioner in CRP.No.1571 of 2003 are all judgment debtors in EP.No.368 of 2002 in O.S.No.233 of 1999 pending before the Junior Civil Judge, West and South, Ranga Reddy District.

- 2. The first respondent obtained a decree for recovery of amount against five defendants, which includes the petitioners referred to above, who were arrayed as defendants 3, 4 and 5 in the said suit. The first respondent filed the aforesaid execution petition before the executing Court and sought attachment of salaries of the petitioners in both the revision petitions, referred to above. The order of the executing Court directing attachment was questioned in these revisions and this Court granted interim stay for a limited period in CRP.No.1472 of 2003 but later it was extended for a period of six weeks. In CRP.No.1571 of 2003 there was an interim order of this Court dated 15.04.2003 directing stay subject to deposit of Rs.5,000/- but it appears that the said order was not complied with.
- 3. In any case, when these revision petitions are listed for hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioners states that the proceedings in execution taken against the guarantors, who are petitioners, is not justified, as the decree holder has not proceeded against the principal borrower. The aforesaid contention is liable to be rejected on the face of it inasmuch as it is prerogative of the decree holder to proceed against the principal borrower or the guarantor, as he deems appropriate but no restriction can be placed on the decree holder that he should first proceed against the principal borrower and only after exhausting the same, he should proceed against the guarantor.

This legal position is settled long back and the petitioners' contention does not merit acceptance.

4. However, since the executing Court had passed the attachment

order way back in 2002, it would not be appropriate to give effect to it

straightaway at this distance of time. Hence, the attachment order shall not

be given effect to if each of the petitioners in both the revision petitions

deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) each to the

credit of the execution petition, which is subject matter of the revision

petitions, within four (4) weeks from today and showing cause before the

executing Court as to why further attachment of their salaries should not be

made in order to satisfy the EP amount. On depositing the amount, as

aforesaid, the executing Court shall give opportunity to both sides and pass

afresh orders with respect to attachment or otherwise in the execution

petition in accordance with law. In the event of default in depositing the

amount, the executing Court shall be free to execute the attachment order

impugned herein and in the event of compliance of the conditions, the

executing Court shall not enforce the attachment orders impugned herein but

shall pass appropriate fresh orders in the execution petitions. The amount

so deposited can be withdrawn by the decree holder without furnishing any

security.

The civil revision petitions are accordingly disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

VILAS V. AFZULPURKAR, J

June 30, 2011

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