

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT HYDERABAD  
FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AND THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**TUESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MARCH  
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN**



**PRESENT**

**THE HONO'BLE SRI JUSTICE A. RAMALINGESWARA RAO**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 19127 OF 2016**

**Between:**

Munuri Rambabu @ Gattumeeda Rambabu, S/o Mutyala Rao, Aged about 42 years, Business, R/o Yennamanduru Canal Bund, Bhimavaram West Godavari District.

**(C.T. is amended as per the Court's Order, dated 23.04.2024 vide orders passed in IA.No. 01 of 2017)**

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Eluru, West Godavari district .
3. The Sub-Divisional Superintendent of Police, Narasapur Sub-Division, Narasapur, West Godavari District.
4. The Station House Officer, Bhimavaram I Town Police Station, Bhimavaram, West Godavari 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 **WRIT OF MANDAMUS** or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent in continuing the Rowdy Sheet(History Sheet No.336/99) against the petitioner opened by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent police without considering the proposal dt.25-6-2013 by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent is illegal, arbitrary and violative of principals of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to close the Rowdy Sheet (History Sheet No.336/99) which was opened on 20-12-1999 forthwith.

**WPMP. NO: 23465 OF 2016**

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 to close the Rowdy Sheet (History Sheet No.336/99) which is continued by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent Police Station, Bhimavaram, West Godavari district pending disposal of the above writ petition in the interest of justice

**Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI. G.V.S. MEHAR KUMAR**

**Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 4: GP FOR HOME**

**The Court made the following: ORDER**

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.RAMALINGESWARA RAO

WRIT PETITION No.19127 OF 2016

**ORDER:**

This writ petition is filed challenging the continuation of the rowdy sheet against the petitioner.

Initially, a counter affidavit is filed by the third respondent followed by an additional counter affidavit, wherein it was stated that the petitioner was involved in three bound over cases and two other cases, where they ended in acquittal. The rowdy sheet was opened pursuant to the order passed by the Sub Divisional Police Officer on 09.11.1999 and the same is being continued upto 03.12.2017.

As on today, no crime is pending against the petitioner and the last bound over case was registered in 2009. However, it is stated that the petitioner participated in Dharna on 09.06.2016, but it cannot be a ground for continuation of the rowdy sheet opened against the petitioner in 1999. This Court time and again held that rowdy sheet cannot be continued mechanically and the authorities have to apply their mind. Since no crime is pending against the petitioner, it is incumbent upon the third respondent to pass appropriate orders for closure of the rowdy sheet, which was opened in 1999.

The writ petition is accordingly allowed and the third respondent is directed to pass appropriate orders for closure of the rowdy sheet within a period of two months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

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**SD/-D.RAMESH KUMAR  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

**SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Eluru, West Godavari District.
3. The Sub-Divisional Superintendent of Police, Narasapur Sub-Division, Narasapur, West Godavari District.

4. The Station House Officer, Bhimavaram I Town Police Station,  
Bhimavaram, West Godavari District.
5. One CC to Sri. G.V.S. Mehar Kumar, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP for Home, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. **Three CD Copies.**

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**Note:-** The Petitioner name "**Gottumeeda Rambabu**" is corrected as "**Munuri Rambabu @ Gattumeeda Rambabu**" as per Court's Order, dated 23.04.2024 in IA.No. 1 of 2017. Substitute this amended Order in place of earlier Order which was dispatched on 24.03.2017.

*A.D. Fawani*

**Sd/- S.SRINIVAS PRASAD  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**



**HIGH COURT**

**DATED: 14/03/2017**  
**23/04/2024**

**AMENDED ORDER**

**WP.No.19127 of 2016**

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**ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION  
WITHOUT COSTS**