

APHC010363452025



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3327]

SATURDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 18373/2025

Between:

1. REV BANDI JEEVA MANAHOR, S/O. BANDI PAUL, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, PRESBYTER-IN-CHARGE - CUM - ELECTION OFFICER, ST. PAUL'S BASILICA, CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA, KRISHNA - GODAVARI DIOCESE, GOPALAREDDY ROAD, GOVERNORPET, VIJAYAWADA - 02

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR
2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND MAGISTRATE, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT, ERSTWHILE KRISHNA DISTRICT
3. TAHSILDAR, VIJAYAWADA CENTRAL, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT, ERSTWHILE KRISHNA DISTRICT

...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 topleased to issue any appropriate Writ, Order or direction, preferably a Writ in the A.. nature of Mandamus declaring the impugned notice dt.05-07- 2025 in Rc.No.C/200/2022 of the 3rd respondent as without jurisdiction, arbitrary, illegal, violative of principles of natural justice, violative

of rights guaranteed under Articles 21, 25, 26 and 29 of the Constitution of India and also violative of Church of South India Krishna - Godavari Diocese Rules and Regulations of Election Manual, 2025 and consequently direct the 3rd respondent not to interfere with the election and such other internal affairs of the petitioner's church and to pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.VENKATA SUBBAIAH POGULA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR REVENUE

2.GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

The Court made the following:

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to declare the impugned notice dated 05.07.2025 in Rc.No.C/200/2022 of the 3rd respondent, as illegal and arbitrary and consequently direct the 3rd respondent not to interfere with the election and also internal affairs of the petitioner's church by name St.Paul's Basilica, Church of South India, Krishna – Godavari Diocese, Vijayawada.

2. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, Ms.Bhargava Lakshmi Linga, learned counsel representing Sri Venkata Subbaiah Pogula, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that no further orders are required in the present Writ Petition, and accordingly, the same may be closed.

3. Recording the said submission, the Writ Petition is closed. No costs.

4. As a sequel thereto, the miscellaneous applications, if any, pending in this Writ Petition, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

Date : 30.08.2025.
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(CLOSED)

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