

District Court, Vizianagaram,
Date : **.01.2025.**

Copy of **Letter** dt. 27.12.2024 in ROC No.656/SO/2024 of the Honourable High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi along with copy of **Order** dt. 12.12.2024 of Honourable Supreme Court of India, passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1246 of 2020, communicated **to all the Judicial Officers** in the Vizianagaram Judicial District, for information and compliance of the directions issued in the Order.

True Copy / By Order

Raj Kambakau
Chief Administrative Officer,
District Court, Vizianagaram.

Sd/ B. Sai Kalyan Chakravarthi

**Principal District Judge,
Vizianagaram.**

Note :-

All the Chief Administrative Officers / Senior Superintendents / Superintendents relating to Vizianagaram Judicial District, are directed to download the above said Letter and Order, from District Court website vizianagaram.dcourts.gov.in and place the same before their respective Judicial Officers.

Copies to :-

1. The Senior Superintendents (HC , C.N), District Court, Vizianagaram.
2. The Superintendents (CS,Translator,RK and OP Cell),District Court,Vizianagaram.
3. The System officer, e-Courts Project, District Court, Vizianagaram with a direction to upload the above said letter and order in District Court website.

.Dis.No. *36* Date: *04*.01.2025.

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ROC No.656/SO/2024

Dated 27.12.2024

To
All the Principal District Judges
in Andhra Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,



Check & Put up

Sub: High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Order dated 12.12.2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1246 of 2020 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India – Certain directions issued – Forwarded – Reg.

Ref: E-mail /Letter dated 13-12-2024 from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, along with copy of Order dated 12.12.2024 in W.P.(Civil) No. 1246 of 2020.

Adverting to the subject and reference cited, I am to forward herewith copy of Order dated 12.12.2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1246 of 2020 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, for information and compliance of the directions issued therein.

Further, I also request you communicate the same to all the Judicial Officers in your Unit and to the Presiding Officers of Labour Courts/Tribunals in the District working under the control of the High Court, for information and compliance of the directions issued in the order.

Yours sincerely,

y. lakshmana rao
27/12/24
REGISTRAR GENERAL

Encl: As stated.

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S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1246/2020

ASHWINI KUMAR UPADHYAY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 9696/2024 - APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, THE APPLICATION FOR SETTING ASIDE THE ABATEMENT, IA No. 9695/2024 - APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION, IA No. 171743/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION and IA No. 87567/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 559/2020 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 619/2020 (PIL-W)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.57771/2020-PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

W.P.(C) No. 827/2022 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 782/2022 (PIL-W)
(FOR ADMISSION)

W.P.(C) No. 891/2022 (PIL-W)
(FOR ADMISSION)

Date : 12-12-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

All applications for intervention/impleadment are allowed,
subject to all just exceptions.

The amended memo of parties will be filed within four weeks

from today.

The Union of India, which has not filed its counter affidavit reply, shall file the same within four weeks from today.

It is noted that in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 782/2022, which seeks the implementation and enforcement of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991,¹ notice was issued, vide order dated 09.09.2022. A counter affidavit/reply has not yet been filed.

As noted in the order dated 11.07.2023, it has been stated on behalf of the Union of India that a common affidavit in reply and response to the entire batch of cases will be filed.

Copies of the said counter affidavit/reply will be served on the petitioners and the respondents, who may file their rejoinder(s)/response(s) thereto within four weeks from the date of service of the counter affidavit/reply.

Once filed, a copy of the said counter affidavit/reply of the Union of India shall be uploaded on the Google Drive link to be created by Mr. Kanu Agarwal, Advocate-on-Record, who is the Nodal Counsel for the Union of India in the present matter. The said link will then be circulated to all the concerned Advocates-on-Record in the present case, including those for the newly impleaded parties.

Mr. Vishnu Shankar Jain, Advocate-on-Record, is appointed as the Nodal Counsel on behalf of the writ petitioners challenging the validity of the 1991 Act. Mr. Ejaz Maqbool, Advocate-on-Record, is appointed as the Nodal Counsel on behalf of the petitioners/intervenors who seek enforcement of the 1991 Act or are

¹ For short, "The 1991 Act."

proposing the writ petitions challenging the validity of the 1991 Act.

All the pleadings/documents to be filed in the present matter shall also be sent to the Nodal Counsel on the email id: inrewritpetition559of2020@gmail.com. All the Nodal Counsel will have access to the said email ID to facilitate coordination.

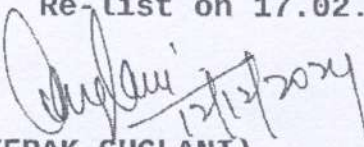
This Court, *vide* order dated 12.10.2022, had referred to the submissions of the parties, formulating several questions of law. During the course of the hearing, it was pointed out that several other aspects and issues would also arise for consideration.

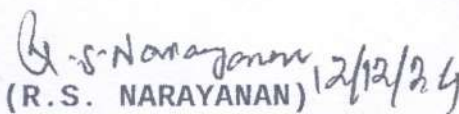
The primary issue, that arises for consideration, is with regard to Sections 3 and 4 of the 1991 Act and its contours, as well as the width and expanse of the said provisions.

As the matter is *sub judice* before this Court, we deem it appropriate to direct that, though fresh suits may be filed, no suits would be registered and no proceedings shall be undertaken therein till further orders of this Court.

Further, in the pending suits, no Court will pass any effective interim orders or final orders, including orders directing surveys, etc., till the next date of hearing/further orders of this Court.

Re-list on 17.02.2025.


(DEEPAK GUGLANI)
AR-cum-PS


(R.S. NARAYANAN) 12/12/24
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

** Online appearance/physical appearance slip not received.