

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ::
AMARAVATHI**

Sub: High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Request of Sri Ediga Mahesh, Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad, presently pursuing Ph.D. in the Department of History, to visit the Record Rooms of the Courts in the respective Districts for verification of old records pertaining to the British Period and to note down the relevant material – Conditions governing inspection of records – Permission accorded - Orders – Issued.



Read: Representation dt:04.05.2026 of Sri Ediga Mahesh, PhD History, University of Hyderabad.

ORDER ROC.NO.435/SO/2026, DT. 28.07.2026

Sri Ediga Mahesh, Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad, presently pursuing Ph.D. in the Department of History, in his representation has requested to accord permission to access the Record Rooms of the Courts in the District Judiciary for the purpose of verification of judicial records pertaining to the period from 1850 to 1950 and to note down relevant material.

The applicant stated that his doctoral research is titled:

"How Colonial Rule Impacted the Traditional Hereditary Occupational Groups in Colonial Andhra Pradesh (1850–1950), particularly how the Abkari and Excise Laws impacted toddy tappers and produced new legal subjectivities."

As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice, the matter was examined by one of the Hon'ble Judges. Upon such consideration, permission was accorded to Sri Ediga Mahesh to visit the Record Rooms of the Courts in the District Judiciary, subject to the following conditions:

1. Before visiting the Record Room of any Court, the applicant shall intimate the District Judge concerned well in advance regarding the proposed date of visit and obtain prior permission.
2. The applicant shall visit the Record Room only on working days and shall not be permitted to visit on public holidays.

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3. The applicant shall examine the records only in the presence of the staff members concerned.
4. The applicant shall not cause any inconvenience or interfere with the normal functioning of the Record Room staff.
5. The applicant shall not carry any mobile phone or other electronic device into the Record Room while verifying the records.
6. The applicant shall not take photographs of the Record Room or of any record or document kept therein. However, he may make handwritten notes.
7. If certified copies of any document are required, the applicant shall obtain prior permission from the District Judge concerned and apply for certified copies in accordance with the relevant Rules on payment of the prescribed court fee and other applicable charges.
8. On filing of such copy applications, Unit heads are directed to instruct the concerned to furnish certified copies without any delay.
9. The permission is only for a period of two years from the date of this proceeding.

Therefore, all the Unit Heads are hereby instructed to permit Sri Ediga Mahesh, Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad, to verify the records available in the Record Rooms of the Courts in their respective Districts relating to the period from 1850 to 1950, wherever such records are available, particularly those of the erstwhile Courts established during the British period, strictly in accordance with the conditions stipulated above.

The District Judges shall ensure that the examination of such records is conducted under proper supervision and that the safety, preservation and integrity of the judicial records are not compromised in any manner.

GVS B. Sankar

REGISTRAR GENERAL

To

All the Principal District Judges/Unit Heads in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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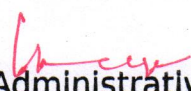
Sri Ediga Mahesh, Research Scholar, Department of History, University of Hyderabad.

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District Court, Vizianagaram,
Date: **30.07.2026**.

Copy of **Proceedings Order** in ROC No.435/SO/2026 dt.28.07.2026 of the Honourable High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi, received in this court in R.5089 dt.28.07.2026, communicated to all the Judicial Officers in the Unit of Vizianagaram District Judiciary, for information and **strict compliance**.

True Copy / By Order


Chief Administrative Officer,
District Court, Vizianagaram.

Sd/ M. Babitha

**Principal District Judge,
Vizianagaram.**

To :

The System officer, e-Courts Project, District Court, Vizianagaram, with a direction to send the copy of the same **to all the Judicial Officers relating to Vizianagaram District Judiciary, through their respective official mails** and to upload the same in District Court website **vizianagaram.dcourts.gov.in** and also place the same in the **group of Chief Ministerial Officers** of Vizianagaram Judicial District.

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Sri Ediga Mahesh, Research Scholar, Department of History, University of Hyderabad.

.Dis.No. 3256 Date: 30.07.2026.