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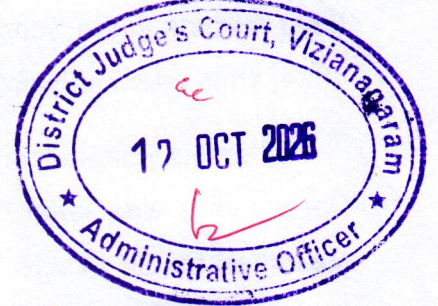
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AMARAVATI,
Dated: 07.10.2026.

R.O.C.No.1413/E1/2026

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

Sir / Madam,



Sub: Courts – Scheduled Areas / Agency Areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 06.08.2026 in Civil Appeal arising out of SLP(C) Diary No.21610 of 2022 (Mukkera Venkata Ratnam & Ors. v. Vantasala China Venkateswarlu & Ors., 2026 INSC 810) – Restoration of Civil Courts' jurisdiction in civil disputes involving exclusively non-Tribal parties – Representation dated 12.08.2026 of Sri M.V.R. Prakash, Advocate, Rampachodavaram, forwarded by the Government – Information regarding Agency areas, functional courts, infrastructure, and pendency of civil cases – Called for – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 06.08.2026 in Civil Appeal arising out of SLP(C) Diary No.21610 of 2022 [2026 INSC 810] (Mukkera Venkata Ratnam & Ors. v. Vantasala China Venkateswarlu & Ors.).
2. Representation dated 12.08.2026 submitted by Sri M.V.R. Prakash, Advocate, Rampachodavaram, Polavaram District.
3. Letter No.3411383/Cts.A/A2/2026, dated 21.09.2026 received from the Secretary to Government, Law (Home-Courts.A) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

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Adverting to the subject and references cited, I am to state that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide Judgment dated 06.08.2026 in Civil Appeal arising out of SLP(C) Diary No.21610 of 2022 (Mukkera Venkata Ratnam & Ors. v. Vantasala China Venkateswarlu & Ors., 2026 INSC 810), has authoritatively held that the mere geographical location of property within a Scheduled Area cannot result in a blanket exclusion of the jurisdiction of regular Civil Courts established under the Andhra Pradesh Civil Courts Act, 1972, in respect of civil disputes involving exclusively non-Tribal parties. The Hon'ble Apex Court declared that the jurisdiction of regular Civil

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Courts stands restored for both pending and future civil transactions involving exclusively non-tribal parties, while clarifying that if even one party to the dispute is a tribal residing in the Scheduled Areas, the Agency Courts under the A.P. Agency Rules, 1924, shall retain jurisdiction.

In this connection, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Law (Home-Courts.A) Department, vide letter 3rd cited, has forwarded a representation dated 12.08.2026 submitted by Sri M.V.R. Prakash, Advocate, Rampachodavaram, requesting the High Court and the State Government to provide appropriate institutional and procedural mechanisms to give effect to the said judgment. It is represented that while regular Judicial First Class Magistrate Courts are already functioning in several Scheduled Area headquarters administering criminal justice, non-tribal litigants in ordinary civil matters face substantial uncertainty and hardship due to the lack of regular civil judicial forums and the continued exercise of civil adjudication by executive/revenue authorities under the A.P. Agency Rules, 1924. It is urged that suitable institutional arrangements be made, including conferment of civil jurisdiction on existing Judicial Magistrates or establishment of regular Civil Courts at Agency centers, along with transitional arrangements for pending cases.

In order to enable the High Court to comprehensively examine the matter, assess the workload, explore the feasibility of conferring civil jurisdiction on existing Judicial First Class Magistrate Courts or establishing regular Civil Courts at Agency headquarters, and devise appropriate administrative and procedural mechanisms in accordance with law, comprehensive data is required from all Judicial Districts in the State.

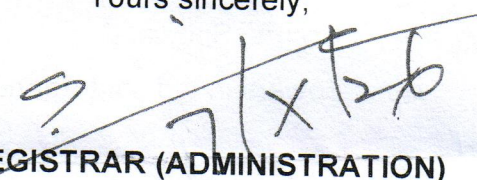
Therefore, all the Principal District Judges / Unit Heads in the State of Andhra Pradesh are requested to furnish detailed information and reports in respect of their respective Units on the following aspects, along with the duly filled-in Proforma enclosed herewith:

1. Whether there are any Scheduled Areas / Agency Areas (mandals / revenue divisions / tracts) situated within the territorial limits of the Judicial District (if NIL, a specific 'NIL' report may be submitted).

2. Details of regular Judicial Courts (such as JFCM Courts) presently functioning within or exercising territorial jurisdiction over such Agency areas, along with the designation of the Presiding Officer and status of existing court infrastructure (court hall, judicial quarters, ministerial staff strength, computers, etc.).
3. Details of Agency / Executive Courts (such as Agent to Government / District Collector, Agency Divisional Officer / RDO, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mobile Courts, Special Deputy Collector Courts) presently functioning or exercising civil powers in the said Agency areas.
4. Statistics regarding pendency of civil disputes/cases:
 - (a) Civil suits, execution petitions, and other proceedings pending before regular Judicial Courts pertaining to Agency tracts (if any).
 - (b) Approximate or actual number of civil cases, suits, appeals, and execution petitions pending before the Executive / Agency Courts in the District involving exclusively non-tribal parties, which now fall within regular Civil Court jurisdiction pursuant to the Supreme Court judgment.
5. Distance from each Agency headquarters / center to the nearest regular Civil Court (Junior Civil Judge Court / Senior Civil Judge Court / District Court).
6. Specific views, remarks, and recommendations of the Principal District Judge regarding:
 - (a) Feasibility and desirability of conferring civil powers / jurisdiction on the existing Judicial First Class Magistrate Courts (Junior Civil Judges) functioning in the Agency areas, or establishing separate/regular Civil Courts or holding Camp Courts;
 - (b) Requirements of additional judicial officers, ministerial staff, and court infrastructure, if any;
 - (c) Modalities and guidelines suggested for seamless transfer/transition of non-tribal civil proceedings from Agency/Revenue authorities to the regular Civil Courts without hardship to litigants.

The Principal District Judges / Unit Heads are therefore requested to collect the requisite information, verify the particulars with the concerned revenue/agency authorities wherever necessary, and submit a comprehensive report along with the filled-in Proforma and their specific remarks to the Registry within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this letter, both in hard copy and by email to regadmin@aphc.gov.in.

Yours sincerely,


REGISTRAR (ADMINISTRATION)

- Encl:** 1. Copy of the Judgment dated 06.08.2026 in SLP(C) Diary No.21610 of 2022.
2. Copy of Representation dated 12.08.2026 of Sri M.V.R. Prakash, Advocate.
3. Proforma for furnishing data.

ANNEXURE / PROFORMA

DATA REGARDING AGENCY / SCHEDULED AREAS, FUNCTIONING COURTS, AND PENDENCY OF CIVIL CASES

Name of the Judicial District / Unit:

Sl. No.	Name of the Agency Area / Mandal / Tract	Regular Judicial Courts functioning in / having jurisdiction over Agency Area	Status of Judicial Court Infrastructure & Staff Strength	Executive / Agency Courts functioning in the Area (Agent/SD M/Mobile)	Pendency of Civil Cases before Judicial Courts (Agency related)	Pendency of Civil Cases before Agency/Executive Courts (Exclusively Non-Tribal)	Distance to Nearest Regular Civil Court (in KMs)	Specific Remarks & Recommendations of Unit Head
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Note: (i) If there are no Scheduled / Agency Areas in the Judicial District, please record 'NIL' across the columns.

(ii) Additional sheets may be attached if required.

(iii) Exact figures as on 30.09.2026 may be furnished.

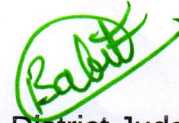
PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE / UNIT HEAD
(Seal & Signature)

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District Court, Vizianagaram,
Date: 13.10.2026.

Copy of letter in **ROC No.1413/E1/2026**, dated **7.10.2026** of the Honourable High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi, communicated to all the Judicial Officers in the Vizianagaram Judicial District, with a request to submit the requisite information, verify the particulars with the concerned revenue/agency authorities wherever necessary, and submit a comprehensive report alongwith the filled-in Proforma and their specific remarks to the District Court, Vizianagaram, within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

This may be treated as most urgent.



Principal District Judge,
Vizianagaram.

Copy communicated 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.

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 enclosures in District Court website.

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