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Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).951/2026

DANIEL EVANS ADITHELA & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 10-08-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

For Petitioner(s) :Dr. Vinod Kumar Tewari, AOR
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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The petitioner has invoked writ jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution, praying for the following reliefs:-

"a. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent No. 2 the Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Visakhapatnam to forthwith process and grant registration to Jagriti Charitable Trust under Sections 12-A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961,

within a period to be specified by this Hon'ble Court;

b. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other, appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 namely the Sub-Registrar, Visakhapatnam, the Sub-Registrar, Bhogapuram, the State of Andhra Pradesh, the District Collector, Vizianagaram District, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Denkada Mandal, and the Mandal Revenue Officer, Denkada Mandal – to forthwith update the revenue, panchayat and registration records to reflect Jagriti Charitable Trust as the absolute owner of the agricultural land measuring Ac 12.07 Cts at Modavalasa Village, Denkada Mandal, Vizianagaram District, covered by Survey Nos. 97, 98 and 197, in accordance with the registered Deed of Gift Settlement (Doc. No. 860/2006) dated 28.02.2006;

c. Issue a Writ of Declaration declaring that the Deed of Gift Settlement dated 28.02.2006 (Doc. No. 860/2006) is valid, legal, binding and irrevocable, and that Jagriti Charitable Trust has clear and unencumbered title and ownership over the said Ac 12.07 Cts of land;

d. Issue a Writ of Certiorari or any other appropriate writ calling for and quashing any records, orders or communications of the Respondents that may have adversely affected the Petitioners' rights without due process;

e. Direct Respondent No. 1 Union of India to issue appropriate policy directions to ensure that registered charitable trusts like the Petitioner Trust are afforded timely recognition, tax exemptions and property protections as mandated under law;

f. Direct Respondent Nos. 6, 7 and 8 the District Collector, Vizianagaram District, the Revenue

Divisional Officer, Denkada Mandal, and the Mandal Revenue Officer, Denkada Mandal to file a report before this Hon'ble Court confirming the current revenue and mutation status of the said land and the steps taken to update the same in favour of the Trust;

g. Pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interests of justice."

2. All the reliefs prayed, as referred to above, could have been prayed before the territorial High Court by way of a Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution or even by preferring a civil suit before the competent Civil Court.

3. With the aforesaid, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

4. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR)
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