

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____/2026
(arising out of SLP(C) NO. 17910/2026)

PREMAL PRATAP JOISHER & ANR.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

SHRI JYOTHIRAADHITYA INFRA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. As the contesting parties are before this Court and are agreeable, this matter is being disposed of today.
3. The challenge in this appeal is to the order dated 07.04.2026 passed by a Division Bench of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh in Writ Appeal No. 285/2026.
4. The said appeal was filed against the order dated 22.04.2025 passed by a learned Judge in Writ Petition No. 8881/2025. By the said order, the learned Judge took note of the unconditional apology tendered by the Tahsildar, Somandepalli Village and Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District, in relation to the impugned notice issued by him on 15.03.2025, despite the matter being *sub judice*. The learned Judge also noted the acknowledgement by the Tahsildar and his counsel that such action on his part was without jurisdiction. The learned

Judge, accordingly, quashed the said notice and allowed the writ petition.

5. Surprisingly, by the impugned order dated 07.04.2026, the Division Bench restored the said notice and directed appropriate action to be taken thereon.
6. We may note that this Court had occasion to deal with an offshoot of this litigation in Civil Appeal Nos. 4577-4578/2026, which were disposed of by judgment dated 17.04.2026. This Court made it clear therein that, even if the appellate authority under the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971, deals with the appeal pending before him on its merits and in accordance with law, the said authority should be mindful of the fact that the substantial appeal in A.S. No. 101/2022 was pending consideration before the High Court and that any decision rendered by the said authority would be subject to and would have to abide by the final decision in the said first appeal. It was, however, left open to the appellate authority to pass appropriate orders with regard to the entries to be made in the Revenue records, after hearing all the parties concerned, on merits and in accordance with law.
7. This being the situation, it was not open to the Tahsildar, Somandepalli Village and Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District, to initiate a fresh inquiry into the documents sought to be relied upon by the appellants under threat of criminal prosecution. The learned judge was, therefore, fully justified

in quashing the notice issued by the said Tahsildar, upon accepting his apology and his acknowledgment that he had no jurisdiction to issue such a notice.

8. The Division Bench, therefore, erred in reversing the said order and restoring the notice for further action to be taken thereon.
9. The appeal is accordingly allowed, setting aside the impugned order dated 07.04.2026 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh in Writ Appeal No. 285/2026.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.
(K. VINOD CHANDRAN)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 25, 2026.

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 17910/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-04-2026 in WA No. 285/2026 passed by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amravati]

PREMAL PRATAP JOISHER & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SHRI JYOTHIRAADHITYA INFRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 154856/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 154857/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES)

Date : 25-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(BABITA PANDEY)
AR-CUM-PS

(PREETI SAXENA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)