

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA  
AT HYDERABAD

CC. No. 3780 OF2025  
IN  
W.P. No. 6335 OF 2022

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DIRECTION PETITION

Filed on: 17.03.2026

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**BETWEEN:**

1. Kancherla Venkata Ramana S/o Late Sri Kancherla Mallikharjuna Rao,  
Aged About 52 years, R/o Plot No. 230,  
H. No. 42-878/2, Sri Jawahar Nagar Colony,  
Moula Ali, Hyderabad – 500040, India.

...PETITIONER/ PETITIONER

**AND**

1. Smt. Shailaja Ramaiyer, IAS  
Principle Secretary, Endowment Department,  
State of Telangana.

...CONTEMNOR/ RESPONDENT NO. 1

2. Sri Harish, IAS  
The Commissioner of Endowment,  
Office at Abids, Hyderabad, Telangana.

3. Sri Jitesh V Patil, IAS  
The District Collector,  
Bhadradi Kothagudem District, At Kothagudem.

4. Sri Damodar Rao,  
Sri Seetha Ramachandraswamy Vaari Devasthanam,  
Rep. by its Executive Officer  
At Bhadrachalam, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.  
(2-4 are Not Necessary Parties)

...RESPONDENTS/ RESPONDENTS

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Kancherla Venkata Ramana, S/o Late Sri Kancherla Mallikharjuna Rao, aged about 53 years, R/o Plot No. 230, H. No. 42-878/2, Sri Jawahar Nagar Colony, Moula Ali, Hyderabad – 500040, India. Do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:



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1. I am the petitioner herein and acquainted through the facts of the case. The above contempt case is filed as the Principal Secretary, Endowment Department, 1<sup>st</sup> respondent herein willfully and deliberately failed to comply with the directions issued by this Hon'ble court in order dated 15.04.2024 in W.P. No. 6335 of 2022 and batch.

**Briefly stated by the facts of the case are as follows:**

2. It is humbly submitted that I filed the W.P. No. 6335 of 2022 praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus for declaring as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Articles 14, 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India in distorting the history and age old tradition of Sri Sitharamchandraswami vari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam by improperly addressing the deity's as *Sri Ramanarayana* and *Sri Sitamahalakshmi* reciting inappropriate *gotra and pravara* during performance of the annual *kalyanotsavam* of *Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy and Sri Sitha Devi*. Srirama Navami day and for a consequential directions to the Respondents to preserve the sanctity of the original names of the principal deities of *Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy vari Devasthanam* Bhadrachalam Temple and recite the correct pravara and gotra of the principal deities and for further reliefs.

3. It is submitted that Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Vari Devasthanam at Bhadrachalam is one of the most ancient and revered temples in the State of Telangana and is widely regarded as the "Ayodhya of the South." The sanctity and historical significance of Bhadrachalam are traced to the Ramayana era and are recorded in the *Brahmanda Purana*, particularly in the *Bhadrachala Mahatyam* and *Gauthami Mahatyam*, which describe the manifestation of Lord Rama on the Bhadra hill situated on the banks of the sacred river Godavari in fulfilment of a promise made to the devotee Bhadra. In the seventeenth century, a devout lady named

*Madekani*

Dhammakka discovered the idols of Lord Rama, Sita Devi and Lakshmana in the forest following a divine vision and commenced worship at the site. Subsequently, in the year 1674 A.D., Kancharla Gopanna, popularly known as Bhakta Ramadas, who was then serving as the Tahsildar of Palvoncha Paragana under the reign of the Nawab of Golconda, constructed the present temple and installed the idols, thereby establishing the temple which came to be known as Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple. Since then, the Kalyanotsavam of Lord Sri Rama and Sita Devi has been performed in accordance with the traditions reflected in the Ramayana, wherein the *Pravara* and *Gotra* are recited referring to Lord Rama as the son of King Dasharatha of Ayodhya and Sita Devi as the daughter of King Janaka of Mithila in their human incarnation, and the said practice has been followed continuously for centuries. Historically, pearls and other offerings used during the Kalyanotsavam were presented by the rulers of Golconda, which practice was continued during the period of the Nizams and thereafter by the State Government.

4. However, in recent years a deviation was introduced in the recital of the *Pravara* and *Gotra* during the Kalyanam rituals wherein Lord Rama is referred to as "Rama Narayana" and Sita Devi as "Sita Mahalakshmi" and the lineage of Sri Maha Vishnu and Mahalakshmi is being chanted instead of the traditional lineage of Sri Rama and Sita Devi as reflected in the Ramayana, which departure from the age-old and essential religious practice has led to objections and protests from devotees and religious scholars.

5. In such circumstances W.P. No. 6335, 37898 and 13168 of 2022 came to be filed before this Hon'ble Court contending that the principal deities of Sri Sitaramachandra Vari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam are Lord Rama son of

*M. S. Ramana*

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Dasharatha King of Ayodhya and Sri Sitha Devi Daughter of Janaka king of Mithila as per epic Ramayana, hence the deities are referred as Sri Rama Son of Dasharatha and Sitha Devi D/o Janaka Maharaja and appropriate Pravara and Gotra to be chanted as has been done since centuries and deviation from the essential religious practice constitute violation of the rights of the petitioner under Article 14, 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India.

6. On 15.04.2024 this Hon'ble Court passed an order in W.P. No. 6335 of 2022 and batch directing the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to constitute a committee comprising 5 experts who are very well versed with the customs and traditions and *sthalapuranam* of Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam temple as to how Kalyanosthavam had been performed all these years and verify the *gotra and pravara* chanted in the Kalyanostavam before 2012 and after 2012 and further clarify all aspects which arise in Writ Petition and file detailed report before The Principal Secretary Endowments Department, Government of Telangana, who shall in turn and file a detailed affidavit before the court for the further adjudication. The report was directed to be filed before the Hon'ble Court within 1 month thereafter, the operative part of the order is here to be extracted:

*In view of all the above and also taking into consideration the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court (cited supra), the Principal Secretary, Endowments Department is directed to constitute a Committee comprising of five (5) experts who are very well versed with the spiritual customs, traditions and also the Sthalapuranam of Bhadrachalam Temple and the general concern of the folklore of Bhadrachalam Temple as to how the Kalyanotsavam has been performed all these years and also verify what was the Gothram and Pravara revered in the Kalyanotsavam before 2012 and after 2012 and clarify all the aspects which are raised in all these writ petitions and file a detailed report before the Principal Secretary, Endowments Department, who shall intum*

*Justice Venkataswami*

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*examine the same and shall file a detailed affidavit before this Court for further adjudication.*

*It is made clear that the said constituted Committee shall give a detailed report to the Principal Secretary within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the Principal Secretary shall examine the same and file a detailed affidavit before this Court within one month thereafter. It is also made clear that Principal Secretary shall also ascertain as to how the Gothram and Pravara of Sri Sitarama Chandra Swamy is revered in Sita Rama Chandra Swamy Temples in the entire State of Telangana at the time of Kalyanotsavam and the same shall also be referred in the report and affidavit.*

*It is also made clear that the committee shall consider all the issues raised in the letter of Joint Commissioner to Principal Secretary and the issues raised in these writ petitions also without being influenced by any sections of the society and shall file report in a sealed cover before the Principal Secretary.*

*It is left open to the committee that if required, it may also take the inputs or assistance from all the stakeholders subject to their requirement.*

7. It is respectfully submitted that in terms of the aforesaid directions a committee was constituted comprising the following 5 members Sri. Dr. Rejeti Venkata Venugopal Acharyulu, Sri. Dr. Dorbhala Prabhakara Sharma, Sri. Chintapalli Subramanya Sharma, Sri. Dr. V. Rajagopala Chakravarthy, Sri. Satyanarayana Charyulu are the following persons.

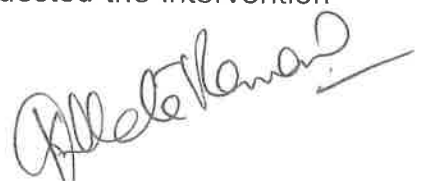
8. It is respectfully submitted that pursuant to the directions of this Hon'ble Court, the Committee constituted by the Government undertook a detailed enquiry into the historical practice relating to the recital of Pravara and Gotra during the performance of the Kalyanotsavam at Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam. In the course of such enquiry, the Committee is understood to have sought information from various authorities and institutions and visited several places

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including Gouthami Grandhalayam, Rajahmundry in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Saraswati Niketana, Vetapalem in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Sanskrit Academy at Hyderabad and other institutions engaged in research in oriental languages in the State of Tamil Nadu and elsewhere. The Committee also visited the temple at Bhadrachalam and recorded the statements of temple staff, Archakas and devotees. It is reliably learnt that upon completion of the said exercise the Committee prepared a detailed report and submitted the same to the 1st Respondent on or about 20.06.2024.

9. It is respectfully submitted that in terms of the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No.6335 of 2022 and batch, the 1st Respondent was required to examine the report submitted by the Committee and place the same before this Hon'ble Court along with a detailed affidavit. However, despite the submission of the report by the Committee, no steps were taken by the 1st Respondent to place the said report before this Hon'ble Court. In the said circumstances, the Petitioner was constrained to submit a representation dated 15.09.2025 to the 1st Respondent requesting that the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No.6335 of 2022 be complied with by filing the report before this Hon'ble Court.

10. It is further submitted that as there was no response or action on the part of the 1st Respondent even thereafter, the Petitioner submitted another representation dated 24.10.2025 to the Hon'ble Minister for Endowments bringing to her notice the continuing deviation in the recital during the Kalyanam rituals wherein Lord Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy is being referred to as "Sri Ramanarayana" and Sita Devi as "Sri Sita Mahalakshmi," and also highlighting the unrest and concern among devotees on account of the said deviation. The Petitioner requested the intervention



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of the Hon'ble Minister to ensure compliance with the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court.

11. It is humbly submitted that notwithstanding the above representations and the lapse of considerable time, the 1st Respondent has not taken any steps to place the Committee's report before this Hon'ble Court as directed. The failure of the 1st Respondent to comply with the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court amounts to willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 15.04.2024 passed in W.P. No.6335 of 2022 and batch, and constitutes contempt of this Hon'ble Court within the meaning of Sections 10 and 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

12. I am advised to submit that the order dated 15.04.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No.6335 of 2022 required compliance by the 1st Respondent by placing the report of the Committee before this Hon'ble Court along with an appropriate affidavit. As the said directions were not complied with, the Petitioner was constrained to initiate the present contempt proceedings by filing the above Contempt Case vide CC No. 3780 of 2025.

13. It is further submitted that the Pradhana Acharya of the temple had preferred Writ Appeal No.338 of 2024 before a Division Bench of this Hon'ble Court challenging the order dated 15.04.2024 passed in W.P. No.6335 of 2022. During the pendency of the said Writ Appeal, the Hon'ble Division Bench had directed the State Government not to take further steps pursuant to the report submitted by the Committee. The said Writ Appeal ultimately came to be dismissed as not maintainable on 27.02.2025, thereby resulting in the order dated 15.04.2024 passed by the learned Single Judge attaining finality.

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14. It is submitted that upon dismissal of the said Writ Appeal and the cessation of the interim protection granted therein, the 1st Respondent was required, in compliance with the directions of this Hon'ble Court, to place the Committee's report before this Hon'ble Court along with a detailed affidavit. However, despite the said order having attained finality, the 1st Respondent has failed to place the report before this Hon'ble Court.

15. It is further submitted that the above writ petition came to be listed before this Hon'ble Court on 16.02.2026, on which date this Hon'ble Court directed the 1st Respondent to file an affidavit. The matter was again listed on 26.02.2026 and once again this Hon'ble Court directed filing of an affidavit by the 1st Respondent. However, no affidavit was filed. Thereafter the matter was listed on 09.03.2026 and was adjourned to 16.03.2026.

16. It is further submitted that in the above circumstances, and as the 1st Respondent continued to remain silent despite repeated opportunities granted by this Hon'ble Court, the Petitioner caused to be issued a legal notice dated 11.03.2026 calling upon the 1st Respondent to forthwith comply with the directions of this Hon'ble Court dated 15.04.2024 in W.P. No.6335 of 2022 and batch by placing the report of the Committee before this Hon'ble Court along with the requisite affidavit. The said notice specifically brought to the attention of the 1st Respondent the pendency of the contempt proceedings and the urgency in view of the upcoming Sri Rama Navami. However, despite receipt of the said legal notice, the 1st Respondent has failed to take any positive steps towards compliance with the directions of this Hon'ble Court. A copy of the legal notice dated 11.03.2026 is filed herewith.



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17. It is submitted that despite repeated opportunities granted by this Hon'ble Court, the 1st Respondent has failed to place the report of the Committee before this Hon'ble Court or file the required affidavit explaining the steps taken in compliance with the order dated 15.04.2024. The continued failure of the 1st Respondent to comply with the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court and the defiant position taken up by the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent to continue disobedience by willfully and deliberately disregarding the orders of this Hon'ble court exhibit total lack of respect to the directions issued by this court.

18. It is submitted that the report a five-member committee was found necessary by this Hon'ble Court to assist the court in the adjudication of the issue that has been raised in the writ petition and contested by the Respondents. Deliberate withholding of the filing of the Report by the Respondent attributes to deliberate obstruction in adjudication of the case constituting criminal contempt. It's necessary to mention that the state government was not aggrieved by the Order dated 15.04.2024 in WP No. 6335 of 2022 directing constitution of committee and the same was not questioned by the State Government by way of an intra court appeal. On the contrary in implementation of the said order a committee was constituted by the Respondent. In turn the committee undertook detailed investigation and filed detailed report on or about 20.06.2024 before the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent. It's not understood as to why the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent is disinclined to file the report with an affidavit even after a Writ Appeal No.338 of 2024 filed against the Order dated 15.04.2024 came to be dismissed on 27.02.2025 as not maintainable. Instead of assisting this Hon'ble Court by tendering the report into court as an aid to resolve the dispute in court the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent continues to withhold the report and obstructing the course of justice

*Amal Kumar*

without any valid, tenable and reasonable cause. The same therefore constitutes an aggravated form of criminal contempt of court. Having regard to the relevant provisions of the Contempt of Court Act, 1971 are extracted hereunder;

**Section 2 (c) "criminal contempt" means .....**

(i) .....

**(ii) prejudices, or interferes or tends to interfere with, the due course of any judicial proceeding; or**

**(iii) interferes or tends to interfere with, or obstructs or tends to obstruct, the administration of justice in any other manner;**

The continued action of the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent in failing to file the report amounts to obstruction of justice and would leave me with no option but to take necessary steps to initiate appropriate proceedings in filing criminal contempt

19. Therefore, it is most respectfully prayed before this Hon'ble Court, in the interest of justice, may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.1 to file or submit into court the report of 5 members committee in terms of the order dated 15.04.2024 in W.P. No. 6335 of 2022 and pass further order which deems fit and necessary and proper in the circumstances of the case.

  
DEPONENT

Sworn & signed before me  
On this the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2026

// ADVOCATE :: HYDERABAD //

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VERIFICATION

Kancherla Venkata Ramana, S/o Late Sri Kancherla Mallikharjuna Rao, aged about 53 years, R/o Plot No. 230, H. No. 42-878/2, Sri Jawahar Nagar Colony, Moula Ali, Hyderabad – 500040, India, do hereby verify and declare that the contents mentioned in the above paras are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and information. Hence verified on this the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2026 at Hyderabad.

A. Raghunath

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER

Kancherla Venkata Ramana

DEPONENT



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**By Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due**

Date: 11.03.2026

To  
Smt. Shailaja Ramaiyer, IAS  
Principal Secretary to Government,  
Endowments Department.

Under instructions from and on behalf of my client Mr. Kancharla Venkataramana, I issue the following registered legal notice.

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*the affidavit of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita in their Human Incarnation during the Kalyanam and pass such further order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.*

2. That the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana, by order dated 15.04.2024 passed in W.P. No. 6335 of 2022 and batch, after hearing the parties was pleased to direct the Principal Secretary, Endowments Department, to constitute a Committee comprising five (5) experts well versed in the spiritual customs, traditions and the Sthalapuranam of the Bhadrachalam Temple, to examine how the Kalyanotsavam had been performed historically, particularly with regard to the Gothram and Pravara recited prior to 2012 and thereafter, and to clarify all the issues raised in the writ petitions. The Hon'ble Court further directed that the said Committee shall submit a detailed report to the Principal Secretary, who shall in turn examine the same and file a detailed affidavit before the Hon'ble Court for further adjudication, within the time stipulated in the said order.
3. That in accordance with such directions you have constituted a committee comprising of the following experts:
  - i. Dr. VedantamRajagopala Chakravarthi, Retired Lecturer
  - ii. Dr. Rejeti Venkata Venugopala Acharyulu, Advisor to Government of Andhra Pradesh for Pancharatragama.
  - iii. Dr. Dorbhala Prabhakara Sarma, Retired Principal Sanskrit College, Kovvuru.
  - iv. Brahmasri Chintapalli Subrahmanya Sharma, Asthana Krishna Yajurvedam Parayanadaru Grade 1.
  - v. Sripathi Balakrishna VeeravenkataSatyanaryanacharyulu, Pandit in Pancharatragama.

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4. That, pursuant to the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble High Court, the said Committee undertook a detailed exercise, examined the relevant materials and traditions relating to the performance of the Kalyanotsavam at Sri Seetha Ramachandraswamy Temple, Bhadrachalam, and ultimately submitted its report dated 23.06.2024 to the Government.
5. That the Pradhana Acharya of the Temple preferred Writ Appeal No. 338 of 2024 before a Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court challenging the order dated 15.04.2024. During the pendency of the said appeal, the Hon'ble Division Bench, inter alia, directed the State Government not to take further steps in pursuance of the report submitted by the Committee. The said Writ Appeal ultimately came to be dismissed as not maintainable on 27.02.2025, thereby resulting in the order dated 15.04.2024 passed by the learned Single Judge attaining finality.
6. That, consequent upon the dismissal of the Writ Appeal and the cessation of the interim protection granted therein, you were required, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, to place the Committee's report before the Court along with a detailed affidavit. However, in complete disregard of the binding directions of the Hon'ble High Court, you have failed to place the report before the Court or file the requisite affidavit, thereby frustrating the implementation of the order passed by the Hon'ble Court.
7. Thereupon, proceedings under the Contempt of Court Act were instituted in CC No. 3780 of 2025. In spite of service of notice and /or being aware of the institution of contempt proceedings you brazenly decided not to tender the report in court with an affidavit with an intent to continue to flout the order of the Honourable High Court with impunity.

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8. That, you deliberately and with an intent to continue to disregard orders of the Honourable Court have not taken steps to engage a counsel or contest the case and continued your indifferent and disrespectful attitude which is totally unbecoming of an officer of the State Government and a Senior Officer in that. My client is totally baffled by the total lack of respect towards the High Court.
9. That, the issue in the Writ Petition is one that concerns the religious faith and belief of lakhs of people who worship Sri Ramachandra Swamy of Bhadrachalam, Telangana in the State and throughout the country. It is a matter of regret that this seems to have no effect upon you. May I bring to your kind notice that the Government of Telangana was not aggrieved by the order dt.15/04/2024 in WP No. 6335 of 2022 and in implementation thereof appointed a committee. The appeal was filed by the Pradhana Acharya and it was dismissed.
10. That, in these circumstances the Government of Telangana can have no objection to comply with orders of the Honourable High Court. Hence your obdurate and unreasonable conduct in continued defiance of the Order of the Honourable High Court which attained finality is wholly unacceptable.
11. That, this may give raise to doubt about dispassionate and uninterested conduct that is required to be maintained by an Officer of the State of your status.
12. That the, WP No. 6335 of 2022 came to be listed on 16/02/2026 and the Honourable Court directed filing of affidavit by you. Again, it was listed on 26/02/2026 and once again the Honourable Court directed filing of an affidavit by you. Sadly, both times you chose to remain indifferently silent.

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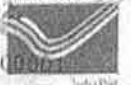
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**MAIN CASE: WP.No.6335, 37898 and 13168 of 2022**

**PROCEEDING SHEET**

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ORDER</b>	<b>OFFICE NOTE</b>
	16.02.2026	<p><b><u>LNA,J</u></b></p> <p>Sri V.Hari Haran, learned senior counsel for the petitioner present.</p> <p>At request for learned AGP representing learned Advocate General Office, for compliance of order passed by this court dated 15.04.2024, post on 26.02.2026, finally.</p> <p>B/O ssy</p>	





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**DIRECTION PETITION**

Filed on: 17.03.2026

Filed by;

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