

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA****CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****CIVIL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2025****(Arising out of SLP(C) Nos.4366-4367 of 2025)****ANDHRA PRADESH GRAMEENA VIKAS BANK****APPELLANT****VERSUS****UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS****RESPONDENTS****R1 : UNION OF INDIA****R2 : NATIONAL BANK OF AGRICULTURE  
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT****R3 : THE STATE OF BANK OF INDIA****R4 : V. YUGANDAR****R5 : T. PRAVEEN****O R D E R**

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. Leave granted.

3. The present appeals are directed against the impugned judgment dated 03.10.2024 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad in W.A. No.1126 of 2024 and W.P. No.25457 of 2024, by which the Writ Petition filed by respondents no.4 and 5 (herein) against the refusal to grant stay/interim order on the Writ Petition, was disposed of by the High Court along with the Writ Appeal by a common judgment, which is impugned herein.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant makes a short point before the Court. It was submitted that first of all, the Division Bench could not have called for the Writ Petition and hear it along with the Writ Appeal. Further, it was submitted that the Writ Appeal was only against the refusal to grant interim order and could not have expanded the scope to decide the main merits of the Writ Petition itself, that too, by calling it before the Court, which has passed the impugned judgment. It was submitted that despite raising questions of propriety, the power of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court has also been breached as no matter can be *suo motu* called for by any Court except by the permission of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of that High Court.

5. Learned senior counsel for the respondents was not in a position to defend the aforesaid factual aspects. However, he submitted that the matter is old and the Court may protect the interest of respondents no.4 and 5 as much time has elapsed.

6. Having considered the matters, we find grave irregularity in the impugned judgment passed by the High Court. Besides the fact that the Writ Petition which was never before the Division Bench, could not have been called for in the Writ Appeal. Moreover, deciding the Writ Petition and the Writ Appeal by the same Court itself goes against the very basic principles of judicial norms and propriety. Here, the same

Court has decided the original Writ Petition and also, the Writ Appeal against the said order in the Writ Petition, which is totally impermissible in law and cannot be justified on any ground.

7. For reasons aforesaid, the impugned judgment dated 03.10.2024 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court is set aside. The Writ Petition is restored to its original file and number. The parties are at liberty to move before the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court for assigning the matter to an appropriate Bench to consider the same, in accordance with law, after hearing the concerned parties. Subject to the result in the Writ Petition, the parties shall be at liberty to avail their remedies as may be available in law.

8. The appeals stand allowed in the aforementioned terms.

9. We make it clear that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter.

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

.....J.  
[AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH]

.....J.  
[S.V.N. BHATTI]

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.12

SECTION XII-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).4366-4367/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-10-2024 in WA No.1126/2024 and WP No.25457/2024 passed by the High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad]

ANDHRA PRADESH GRAMEENA VIKAS BANK

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

(IA No. 40868/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 03-09-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Ranjeet Singh Chauhan, Adv.  
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Ms. Aparna Jha, AOR

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Mr. Krishna Kumar Singh, AOR

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

Leave granted.

2. The appeals stand allowed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SAPNA BISHT)

COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANJALI PANWAR)

COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)