



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3601]

THURSDAY, THE 30th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI NATH TILHARI

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE PURUSHOTTAM KUMAR
CHINTALAPUDI**

WRIT PETITION NO: 21216/2026

Between:

- 1.K N BALANANDA REDDY, S/O K N KUMARASWAMY REDDY, AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS, R/O BILLURIVARIPALLE, H/O SOMPALLE, MULAKALACHERUVU MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT. - 517390.
- 2.GOVINDU BHASKAR REDDY, S/O G NARASIMHA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS. NATIVE OF CHINNAYEDDULAVARIPALLI, BONTHALAPALLI POST, TANAKALLU MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAM DISTRICT, PRESENTLY R/O D.NO. 10-250, M.B.T ROAD, MULAKALACHERUVU VILLAGE AND MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT. - 517390.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

- 1.THE LOK ADALAT BENCH AT THAMBALLAPALLE, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, THAMBALLAPALLE COURT, O.S NO.145 OF 2023, ON THE FILE OF JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE COURT, THAMBALLAPALLE, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY. 517418
- 2.K VEMANARAYANA, S/O NARASIMHULU, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/O D.NO.9-9-1, KADIRI ROAD, UMA SANKAR COLONY, MULAKALACHERUVU VILLAGE AND MANDAL, ANAMAYA DISTRICT. - 517418. .
- 3.A SUKANTHI, W/O T BABA PRASAD, D/O A VENKATACHALAPATHI,

AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS R/O D.NO.10-139,MAIN ROAD,
MULAKALACHERUVU VILLAGE AND MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA
DISTRICT. - 517418

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ, order or direction, especially one in the nature of Writ of Certiorari/call for records relating to Award Dt.09-09-2023, passed in Lok-Adalat Case No.36 of 2023 in O.S No. 145 of 2023, Junior Civil Judge, Thamballapalle, Chittoor District and set aside the same on the ground of fraud, misrepresentation and collusion

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased suspend the Award dt.09-09-2023, passed in Lok-Adalat Case No.36 of 2023 in O.S No.145 of 2023, Junior Civil Judge, Thamballapalle, Chittoor District, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1.T V JAGGI REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

ORDER :- *(per Hon'ble Sri Justice Ravi Nath Tilhari)*

Heard Sri T.V. Jaggi Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, and Sri K. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1.

2. The 2nd respondent (plaintiff) filed O.S. No.145 of 2023 on the file of the Junior Civil Judge, Thamballapalle, Chittoor District, for specific performance of an agreement of sale dated 07.03.2020 against the 3rd respondent (defendant). The suit was disposed of before the Lok Adalat *vide* Lok Adalat Award No.36 of 2023, dated 09.09.2023.

3. Challenging the Lok Adalat Award No.36 of 2023, dated 09.09.2023, this writ petition has been filed.

4. Sri T.V. Jaggi Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are not parties to O.S. No.145 of 2023 or to the Lok Adalat proceedings resulting in the impugned award. He submits that the petitioners have instituted O.S. No.43 of 2022 on the file of the Principal Senior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, seeking specific performance of an agreement of sale dated 27.08.2018 in respect of the very same property. He submits that the 3rd respondent has also instituted O.S. No.70 of 2021 on the file of the Senior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, Chittoor District, seeking declaration of title over the same plaint schedule property, wherein the 2nd petitioner is defendant No.11. He further submits that since the subject property in the aforesaid suits is the same property as covered by O.S. No.145 of 2023, the rights and interests of the petitioners are likely to be adversely affected by the Lok Adalat award.

5. Sri K. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, learned counsel for the respondent No.1 submits that the petitioners, admittedly, are neither parties to the suit O.S. No.145 of 2023 nor to the Lok Adalat award. They have no locus to challenge the award. The Lok Adalat award is binding only on the parties to the settlement and the legal representatives. He placed reliance on ***Vadiga Amose v. Vadiga Anjineyulu and Others***¹ .

6. We have considered the aforesaid submissions advanced by the learned counsels for the parties and perused the material on record.

7. Admittedly, the petitioners were neither parties' in O.S. No.145 of 2023 nor to the Lok Adalat award dated 09.09.2023. The law is well settled that an award passed by a Lok Adalat under the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 is binding only on the parties to it and cannot bind the third parties. In ***Vadiga Amose*** (*supra*) it was held that a challenge to a Lok Adalat award can be maintained only by the parties to the settlement. Paragraph No.8 of ***Vadiga Amose*** (*supra*) reads as under :

*“8. Learned Counsel for the respondent has drawn our attention to the following Division Bench decisions of this Court. In Sri Durga Malleswara Educational Society (Regd), Vijayawada v. DLSA (Lok Adalat), at Vijayawada, Krishna District, rep. by its Secretary, 2012 (4) ALD 27 (DB) = 2012 (3) ALT 211 (DB), the **principle enunciated is that the award passed in a Lok Adalat can be challenged by way of writ petition under Article 226 or Article 227 of the Constitution of India only by parties to the settlement and not by any one else, on a very limited ground such as passing of award without settlement or that***

¹ (2014) 2 ALD 676 (DB).

settlement or compromise itself is vitiated by fraud or misrepresentation.”

8. The petitioners' case is they are strangers to the Lok Adalat award. The writ petition is not maintainable at the instance of the petitioners to challenge the Lok Adalat award.

9. The apprehension expressed by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the impugned Lok Adalat award may adversely affect their rights in the pending two civil suits is misconceived. The petitioners not being parties to the Lok Adalat award, cannot be bound except if they are claiming their right or the legal representatives of the parties to the Lok Adalat award, which aspect can be considered in the pending suits and if it be so, the suits shall be adjudicated independently in accordance with law.

10. The Writ Petition is dismissed with the aforesaid observations.

No order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any pending, shall also stand closed.

RAVI NATH TILHARI, J

PURUSHOTTAM KUMAR CHINTALAPUDI, J

Date : 30.07.2026.

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI NATH TILHARI
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(DISMISSED)

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K.N.Balananda Redd and another.

.....Petitioners

And:

\$ The Lok Adalat Bench at Thamballapalle
and others

....Respondents.

!Counsel for the petitioners : Sri T.V.Jaggi Reddy,

^Counsel for the respondent No.1 : Sri K. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy

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? Cases referred:

1. (2014) 2 ALD 676 (DB).

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WRIT PETITION NO: 21216 OF 2026**DATE OF JUDGMENT PRONOUNCED: 30.07.2026****SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:****THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI NATH TILHARI****&****THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE PURUSHOTTAM KUMAR
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| 1. <i>Whether Reporters of Local newspapers may be allowed to see the Judgments?</i> | Yes/No |
| 2. <i>Whether the copies of judgment may be marked to Law Reporters/Journals</i> | Yes/No |
| 3. <i>Whether Your Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the Judgment?</i> | Yes/No |

RAVI NATH TILHARI,J

PURUSHOTTAM KUMAR CHINTALAPUDI, J