

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). 7366-7367/2010

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-02-2010 in WP No. 25910/2009 26-02-2010 in WP No. 26083/2009 26-02-2010 in WP No. 25910/2009 26-02-2010 in WP No. 26083/2009 passed by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad]

GOVT.OF A.P. & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S OBULAPURAM MINIG.CO.P.LTD. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 59533/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 6525/2019 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 127920/2017 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 37408/2021 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION
IA No. 1/2010 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 21/2013 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 123413/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 6522/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 127918/2017 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 123897/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

WITH

SLP(C) No. 32690-32691/2010 (XII-A)

(IA No. 163658/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

W.P.(CrI.) No. 66/2010 (X)

SLP(C) No. 17064-17065/2010 (XII-A)

S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 16830/2010 (XII-A)

(IA No. 1/2010 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 16829/2010 (XII-A)

(IA No. 1/2010 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

W.P.(C) No. 411/2010 (X)

(IA No. 121370/2022 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION)

W.P.(C) No. 76/2012 (X)

Date : 19-09-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

1. Shri Siddharth Luthra, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner(s) has placed on record a communication addressed by the Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh dated 18.09.2025.
2. A perusal of the said communication reveals that after considering various orders passed by this Court and the note of learned Amicus Curiae dated 20th August, 2022, the State Government has taken a decision to request this Court to constitute a Committee so as to fix the boundaries of the leased areas and the reserved forest areas so as to ascertain the extent of illegal encroachment, extent of illegal mining and other unauthorized activities.
3. The suggestion of the State is vehemently opposed by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent(s). It is submitted that what was agreed upon was only demarcation of the

lease hold areas. It is submitted that now the State is attempting to go beyond what was agreed upon earlier. We do not propose to go into that controversy between the State and the respondent(s).

4. When the matter will be heard on merits, the said contentions can be raised and the same would be considered on its own merit. However, at the moment, we are inclined to accept the suggestion of the petitioner(s) and therefore we appoint a Committee consisting of the following members:-

- i. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, as Chairperson of the Committee.
- ii. A member of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC), as nominated by the Chairperson of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC).
- iii. Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce (Mines), Government of Andhara Pradesh or his nominee not below the rank of Deputy Secretary.
- iv. Secretary from the Department of Environment, Forest, Science and Technology, Government of Andhra Pradesh as his nominee not below the rank of Deputy Secretary.
- v. A nominee of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as nominated by the Secretary of that Department.
- vi. Secretary Department of Revenue, Government of Andhra Pradesh or his nominee not below the rank of Deputy Secretary.

The Member, mentioned at S. No.vi would work as a convenor-cum-secretary of the Committee for coordinating the meetings of the Committee.

5. The fee of the Chairman of the Committee would be finalized by the State Government in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

6. Needless to state that the Committee while finalizing its report would hear all the concerned parties including the

respondents in the present petition.

7. The Committee is requested to submit its report within a period of three months.

8. List after three months.

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1. Issue notice.

2. In the meantime, the State Government is directed to file its reply and the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) shall submit its report.

(NARENDRA PRASAD)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(ANJU KAPOOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR