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## TDP Gets Yet Another Favour From High Court

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Telugu Desam Party on Thursday got yet another favour from the Andhra Pradesh high court which struck down a petition on the construction of party headquarters at Mangalagiri in Guntur district.

The public interest litigation (PIL) petition was filed by YSR Congress MLA from Mangalagiri Alla Ramakrishna Reddy, who questioned the construction of the TDP state quarters at Atmakuru, which was in the catchment area of a stream.

He pointed out that the previous Chandrababu Naidu government had allocated 3.65 acres of poramboke land in Survey No. 392 which comes under part of the catchment area of a stream at Atmakur village to the TDP.

Accordingly, a Government Order (GO No. 228) was issued in 2017, granting lease to the TDP for a period of 10 years.

Stating that the land allocation was against the public interests, Ramakrishna Reddy requested that the court give directions to the government to cancel the lease.

The YSRC MLA argued that as per the environmental norms, allotment of lands belonging to the catchment areas of streams, tanks and other water resources for other purposes was against the law, as endorsed by the Supreme Court.

Apart from Naidu, principal secretary (revenue), secretary to Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA), Commissioner of CRDA and Guntur district collector as respondents.

However, the high court dismissed the petition of Ramakrishna Reddy, stating that there was no public interest involved in it. On the contrary, the high court questioned his personal interest in the case, if not for political vendetta.

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