

**HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI**

**ROC.NO.222/SO/2026**

**Date. 17 .04.2026**

**CIRCULAR NO. 03/2026**

- Sub: High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Stalling of trials on account of stay orders in Criminal Petitions/Criminal Revision Cases -- Directions in the light of the Order dt.15.01.2026 in Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 773 of 2026 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India – Certain instructions – Issued – Reg.
- Ref: Order dt.15.01.2026 in Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 773 of 2026 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

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It is hereby informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in it's Order dt.15.01.2026 in Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 773 of 2026, has expressed serious concern over the delay in the progress of criminal trials on account of stay orders granted in Criminal Petitions and Criminal Revision Cases, particularly those filed seeking quashing of F.I.Rs. or charge-sheets, resulting in prolonged stalling of trial proceedings.

In this regard, all the Judicial Officers dealing with criminal cases in Andhra Pradesh are hereby directed to take note that in cases where the framing of charges or trial proceedings, especially in heinous offences, have been stayed on account of orders passed in Criminal Petitions or Criminal Revision Cases, and such stay continues for a period exceeding six (6) months, the concerned Judicial Officer shall, without any delay, communicate the details of such cases to the Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

The communication shall clearly indicate the case number, nature of offence, date of grant of stay, stage at which the proceedings have been stalled, and the period of pendency of the case on account of such stay. Upon receipt of such information, the Registry would take appropriate steps to have the Criminal Petition or Criminal Revision Case listed before the appropriate Bench of the Hon'ble High Court for expeditious disposal.

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All the Judicial Officers are further directed to maintain a separate record of such cases where proceedings are stayed and to periodically review the same so as to ensure prompt reporting and necessary follow-up action. The above directions shall be complied scrupulously and in letter and spirit.

The receipt of this circular shall be acknowledged.

  
**REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)**  
17/4/16.

To:

1. The Registrar (I.T. cum C.P.C.) with a request to direct the concerned to upload the said circular in the High Court's website.
2. All the Unit Heads in the State of Andhra Pradesh, with a request to cause circulation of the same among all the Judicial Officers working in their respective units.