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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3460]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 12552/2026

Between:

1. KOSURU PURNACHANDRARAO, S/O BYRAGI, AGE 60 YEARS, BILL COLLECTOR, ANGALAKUDURU GRAMAPANCHAYAT, ANGALAKUDURU, TENALI MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522211.

2. KAMMA VENKATESWARLU,, S/O KOTESWARARAO, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, BILL COLLECTOR, GUDAVALLI GRAMAPANCHAYAT, GUDAVALLI, CHERUKUPALLI MANDAL, BAPATLA GISTRICT-522309.

3. BONTHU VENKATA REDDY,, S/O SAMBHI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, BILL COLLECTOR, VALLABHAPURAM GRAMAPANCHAYAT, KOLLIPARA MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522304.

4. TIRUVAIPATI SRINIVASULU,, S/O ANJANEYULU, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, BILL COLLECTOR, SIRIPURAM GRAMAPANCHAYAT, SIRIPURAM, MEDIKONDURU MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522438.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPT OF PANCHAYAT RA JAND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS VELAGAPUDI,AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DIST-522238

2. THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR ,DISTRICT-522501.

3. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, GUNTUR DISTRICT, GUNTUR-522002

4. THE MANDAL DEVELPPMENT OFFICER MPDO, TENALI MANDAL, TENALI GUNTUR DIST-522201.

5. THE ANGALAKUDURU GRAMAPANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS SECRETARY, ANGALA KUDURU, TENALI MANDAL, GUNTUR DIST-522211.

6. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, BAPATLA DISTRICT, BAPATLA-522101.

7. THE MANDAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MPDO, CHEKUPALLI MANDAL, CHERUKUPALLI, BAPATLA DISTRICT-522309.

8. THE GUDAVALLI GRAMAPANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS SECRETARY, GUDAVALLI, CHERUKUPALLI MANDAL, BAPATLA DISTRICT-522309.

9. THE MANDAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MPDO, KOLLIPARA MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522304.

10. THE VALLABHAPURAM GRAMAPANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS SECRETARY, VALLABHAPURAM, KOLLIPARA MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522308.

11. THE MANDAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MPDO, MEDIKONDURU MANDAL, MEDIKONDURU, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522438.

12. THE SIRIPURAM GRAMAPANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS SECRETARY, SIRIPURAM, MEDIKONDURU MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522401

...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 topleased to issue a Writ , order or direction more

particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents not continuing the petitioner up to 62 years as Bill collectors as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to law and violation of Provisions of Constitution of India, Article 14, 16 and 21 of Constitution of India and contrary to final Judgment in W.P. No. 3784 /2023 dated 05.06.202.5.and interim orders in W.P. No. 32612/2025 dated 25.11.2025 af'this Hon'ble court and set aside the proceedings Rc.No.2/2025/A dated 15.9.2025 of the 9th respondent regarding the 3rd petitioner and the proceedings R.C. No. 74/2025/A dated 28.8.2025 of the 111th respondent regarding the 4th petitioner and further direct the respondents to continue the petitioners as Bill Collectors up to 62 years by considering the G.O.Ms.No. 15 dated 31/01.2022 and above Final orders in W.A. No.3784/2023 dated 05.06.2025 and consequential benefits to the petitioner including salary from the date of completion of 60 Years and pass

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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 pleased to direct the respondents to re-engage and continue the petitioners in their posts as Bill Collectors up to 62 Years by considering the interim orders in W.P.No. 32612/2025 dated 25.11.2025 by this Hon'ble court (Ex.P.29) and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. T V V KOTESWARA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. Yarraguntla.Koteswara Rao,Standing Counsel For Zilla Praja Parishads,Mandal Praja Parishads and Gra
2. GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondent-Authorities in not extending the benefit of enhanced age of superannuation (60 to 62 years) to the Petitioners as per G.O.Ms.No.15, Finance (HR.IV-FR&LR) Department, dated 31.01.2022, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner Nos.1, 2, 3 and 4 are working as Bill Collectors (part time/NMR basis) in Angalakuduru Gram Panchayat, Gudavalli Gram Panchayat, Vallabhapuram Gram Panchayat and Siripuram Gram Panchayat, respectively, from various periods. It was submitted that the minimum time scale was also extended to them, and they are discharging full-time duties as Bill Collectors. The grievance of the Petitioners now is that their services have been disengaged on the ground that the Petitioners have attained the age of 60 years and that the benefit of the enhanced age of superannuation, i.e., from 60 to 62 years, as per G.O.Ms.No.15, Finance (HR.IV-FR&LR) Department, dated 31.01.2022, is not being extended to them. Hence, the Writ Petition came to be filed.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners relied on the Judgment, dated 21.07.2026 in W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch to support his contention.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services does not dispute the same.

5. This Court disposed of the W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch, directing the State Government to examine the issue and to take a conscious decision about enhancement of age up-to 62 years to non-regular employees working for a substantial number of years in State departments and State owned/controlled entities.

6. In the light of the same, as the issue involved in the present Writ Petition is squarely covered by the order, dated 21.07.2026, passed in W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch, the present Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the said order.

7. The Registry is directed to append a copy of the order, dated 21.07.2026, passed in W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch, to this order.

8. No order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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