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

[3460]

FRIDAY,THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 15828/2026

Between:

1. E.PENCHALAIAH, S/O EDI. NARASIMHULU, AGED 53 YEARS, R/O CINIMAHALL CENTRE, SC COLONY, SOMASILA, ANTHASAGARAM MANDAL, NELLORE DISTRICT. SI. NO 763,

2. G.PENCHALAMMA, D/O GUMMADI BUJJAIAH, AGED 50 YEARS, R/O CINIMAHALL CENTRE, SC COLONY, SOMASILA, ANTHASAGARAM MANDAL, NELLORE DISTRICT. SI.NO. 791

3. K.PRASHANTH BABU, S/O KALAVELA YANADAIAH AGE 25 YEARS, R/O CINIMAHALL CENTRE, SC COLONY, SOMASILA, ANTHASAGARAM MANDAL, NELLORE DISTRICT (ADDED IN THE NAME OF HIS FATHER). SI.NO 1144

4. P.CHINNAIAH, S/O PACHA PENCHALAIAH AGE 49 R/O SC COLONY, SOMASILA, ANTHASAGARAM MANDAL, NELLORE DISTRICT SI.NO 1168

5. B.GURAVAIAH, S/O BOYILLA CHENNAIAH, AGED 53 YEARS, R/O D.NO.3/38, POLI VILLAGE (HW), RAJAMPETA MENDAL YSR DISTRICT. SI.NO. 1138

6. SK. TEAPU MOHIUDDIN JALALUDDIN AKBAR, S/O SK. CHAND BASHA MASJID-E- HUMAYUN, BESIDE HAZ KHAJA MANDAPAM GR NAGAR, 4TH STREET, KOTHUR, NELLORE DIST. ... SI.NO. 530

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF A P, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES (R AND R) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI,GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, NTR TELUGU GANGA PROJECT, TIRUPATI, CHITTOOR(TIRUPATI) DISTRICT.

3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, YSR DISTRICT, KADAPA

4. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SOMASILA PROJECT, DARGAMITTA, SPS NELLORE DISTRICT

...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 tomay be pleased to pas orders in exercise of extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the respondents inaction in providing employment to the petitioner in terms of G.O.Ms.No. 98 Irrigation Department Dt. 15.4.1986 though their names were included in the list published at the rate of http //kadapa.ap.nicJn on 6.4.2023 as arbitrary, illegal, discriminatory and violative of right to life. Article 14, 19, 21,and 300 A of the of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to consider their candidature for employment at par with the candidates mentioned in Memo No. 7477081/R and R/A2/2023-7 (C.No. 2116015) dt. 30.6.2025 and Progs.

SE/SKDGNSS/KDP/AB/EC/AB/CE.2/E20/260 M/259 M and 259 M dt. 22.4.2026. grant such

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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 may be pleased to consider petitioners candidature for providing employment in terms of G.O.Ms.No. 98 Irrigation Department Dt. 15.4.1986 by extending the benefit at part with the candidates mentioned in Memo No. 7477081/Rand R/A2/2023- 7 (C.No. 2116015) dt. 30.6.2025& Progs. SE/SKDGNSS7KDP/AB/EC/AB/ CE.2/E20/260 M/259 M and 259 M dt. 22.4.2026. pending disposal of the above writ petition and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. KASA JAGANMOHAN REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

W.P.No.15828 of 2026

O R D E R:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the inaction of the Respondents in not providing employment to the Petitioners in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (PROJ. WING) Department, dated 15.04.1986, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The lands of the parents of the Petitioner Nos.1 to 6 were acquired at Voguru, Bukkayapalli, Vakamada and Madavaram villages, for the purpose of the Somasila Project in the years 1979-1980. As per G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (PROJ. WING) Department, dated 15.04.1986, employment was to be offered to the members of the displaced families or their dependents. The Petitioners, being the dependents of the original landowners, applied for employment in terms of the said G.O. However, though their names were reflected in the shortlisted eligible persons, their cases were not considered for employment. Hence, this Writ Petition is filed.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners relies on the judgment of this Court in W.P.No.40372 of 2018 and batch,

and W.P.No.3445 of 2020, wherein employment was directed to be offered to the dependents of the landowners therein, and seeks similar relief in the present case. Learned counsel further submits that the land acquisition took place in 1979-1980 and, despite the lapse of more than 45 years, employment has still not been provided.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that cases of Petitioners will be considered and necessary action will be initiated for providing employment in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98 dated 15.04.1986, as per the rules in force.

5. Considering the fact that the lands of the Petitioners were acquired way back in 1979-1980, the delay in providing employment cannot be justified; more so, as the employment was to be treated as part of the promised compensation.

6. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the Respondents to consider the cases of the Petitioners for employment on par with similarly placed persons, as expeditiously as possible. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any,

shall stand closed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 19.06.2026
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