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

THURSDAY, THE 25th DAY OF JUNE 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 16710/2026

Between:

M Hemalatha **...PETITIONER**

AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others **...RESPONDENT(S)**

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. V V N NARAYANA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

W.P.No.16710 of 2026

O R D E R:

The present writ petition is filed declaring the proceedings No.63/2024/DVC/PRP/B4/16, dated 13.11.2024 of the Respondent No.2 as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The facts leading to the filing of the case are as follows:

The Petitioner is working as Additional Programme Officer. The Respondent No.2 issued the impugned proceedings on the ground that certain allegations were found against the Field Assistants and the Petitioner and thereby kept the Petitioner temporarily out of employment as Additional Programme Officer and sought for explanation.

3. It is the contention of the learned counsel for the Petitioner that as the enquiry proceedings were not concluded within the time specified in Clause 13 (B)(5) of the Field Assistants Human Resource Policy i.e. 30 days, the Petitioner is entitled to be reinstated into service. The counsel also relied on an order passed in similar circumstances by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.No.16643 of 2025.

4. Learned standing counsel Sri M.S.R.Chandra Murthy, submits that the enquiry would be initiated soon and the same would be concluded within three weeks. The further contention is that the guidelines are not statutory and even otherwise, no consequence is stated for non-compliance of the time frame of 30 days and therefore, the same cannot be said to be mandatory. The maintainability of the

writ petition was also urged as the nature of job of the Petitioner is akin to Labour.

5. Having heard the respective counsel, this Court, without going into the issues urged by the Respondent counsel, is inclined to dispose of the writ petition in terms of W.P.No.16643 of 2025 with a direction to the Respondent Authorities to reinstate the Petitioner into service and conclude the enquiry after providing due opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

As a sequel, pending applications, if any, shall stand closed.

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NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 25.06.2026

Whether the order is:

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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Dated: 25.06.2026

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