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

TUESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 18113/2026

Between:

1. P N V ANANDA BUSHANAM, S/O DAS, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS, OCC PANCHAYAT SECRETARY GR.L, (UNDER SUSPENSION) O/O. S.R.P. AGRAHARAM GRAM PANCHAYAT, KALIDINDI (M), ELURU DISTRICT-521344.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT -522237.
2. THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522501.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, (PANCHAYAT WING) ELURU DISTRICT AT ELURU -534006.
4. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, ELURU DISTRICT AT ELURU -534001

...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 proceeding No.e.Procgs.No.2948258/CPR/ N1/2025-6, dated 08.09.2025 of the 2ND respondent in suspend the petitioner without considering explanation and not review his suspension is illegal, arbitrary, unjust and violation of the Principles of natural justice and violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the G.O.Ms.No.22, General Administration (SER-C) Department, dt.29.02.2024 and set aside the same and consequently direct the respondents to re-instate the petitioner into service as Panchayat Secretary Grade-I with all consequential benefits and to 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

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. G SRINIVASULA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the suspension order issued *vide* Proceedings.No.e.Procgs.No.2948258/CPR/N1/2025-6, dated 08.09.2025 by Respondent No.2 against the Petitioner, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was appointed as Bill Collector at Katruru Gram-Panchayat of Vuyyuru Mandal and subsequently was promoted as Panchayat Secretary Grade-I. While so, the impugned order of suspension was issued under Rule 8(1) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 on the premise that there are certain allegations against the Petitioner. Questioning the same, the present writ petition is filed.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the impugned order, dated 08.09.2025 and the continuance of the order of suspension amounts to punishment. He further submits that the proposed charges against the Petitioner do not warrant to keep the Petitioner under suspension for such a long time.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader would submit that disciplinary action is being initiated against the Petitioner and considering

the charges that are proposed against the Petitioner, the order of suspension cannot be found fault with.

5. Heard the respective counsel.

6. G.O.Ms.No.22, dated 29.02.2024 wherein the Government after taking into consideration earlier G.Os. directed that orders of suspension should be reviewed every (04) months and the outer limit of suspension was reduced to one year. The paragraph No.5 of the said G.O. is extracted below:

> *"After careful examination of the matter, after reviewing the said G.Os., duly obtaining the advice of the Competent Authority and in modification of the orders issued in the G.Os.1st to 4th read above, Government hereby direct to reduce the outer limit of suspension of Government servant from two (2) years to one (1) year from the date of suspension of the Government servant fixed in read with G.O.Ms.No.86, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., dt.8.3.1994 read with G.O.Ms.No.526, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., dt 19.8.2008 and G.O.Rt No.2285, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., Dt.18.05.2012 for reinstatement of the Government servant under suspension, subject to all other conditionsstipulated therein and also direct to review the order of suspension against a Government servant both in ACB and Departmental Inquiries at the end of every four (4) months instead of six (6) months fixed in G.O.Ms.No.86, G A. (Ser.C) Dept., dt.8.3.1994."*

7. Therefore, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the Respondents to review the impugned suspension order, dated 08.09.2025 issued by the Respondent No.2 in terms of paragraph No.5 of the above G.O. within a period of four (04) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, pending if any, shall standclosed.

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

Date: 07.07.2026
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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	✔

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Dated:07.07.2026

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