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

WEDNESDAY, THE 22nd DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 20176/2026

Between:

1. MEDIKONDURI GARGEYI, D/O GNANI, AGE 47 YEARS, FORMER ADVOCATE, LEGAL COUNSELLOR ON CONTRACT BASIS, DV CELL, WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OFFICE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, R/O D.NO. 1-3-96 (A), GADDALAGUNTA PALEM, ONGOLE TOWN, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, A.P - 523001.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P.
2. THE DIRECTOR, WOMEN DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD WELFARE, ANDHRA PRADESH JAMPANI TOWERS, AMARAVATI ROAD, GUNTUR TOWN AND DISTRICT, A.P.
3. THE PROJECT DIRECTOR P D, WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OFFICER PRAKASAM DISTRICT, 3RD LANE, RAM NAGAR, ONGOLE, A.P.
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND MAGISTRATE AND CHAIRMAN OF DLSC, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, ONGOLE, A.P.
5. THE REGIONAL JOINT DIRECTOR, WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, 3RD LANE,

RAM NAGAR, ONGOLE, A.P

...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 in issuing the Show Cause Notice No. Nil/A1/2026, dt. 14-07-2026 by the 3rd respondent against the Petitioner as illegal, arbitrary, without process of law and violative of Articles 14, and 21 of the Constitution of India and principles of natural justice and consequently directing the Respondents to set aside those proceedings of Show Cause Notice No. Nil/A1/2026, dt. 14-07-2026 issued by the 3rd respondent against the Petitioner and to direct the respondents not to terminate the service of the Petitioner and to continue her as Legal Counsellor on contract basis, DV Cell, Prakasam District in Women and Child Welfare Department and Empowerment Office, Prakasam District, 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 Pleased to direct the respondents to suspend the Show Cause Notice No. Nil/A1/2026, dt. 14-07-2026 issued by the 3^^ respondent against the Petitioner and to direct the respondents not to terminate the service of the Petitioner and to continue her as Legal Counsellor on contract basis, DV Cell, Prakasam District & Child Welfare Department & Empowerment Office, Prakasam District, pending disposal of the main writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SS RAMA KRISHNA PRASAD

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES I
2. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondent-Authorities in issuing show-cause notice *vide* show-cause notice No.Nil/A1/2026, dated 14.07.2026, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was appointed as Legal counsellor on contract basis in Domestic Violence cell, Ongole with effect from 26.07.2023. Later, on account of certain allegations, the impugned show-cause notice *vide* show-cause notice No.Nil/A1/2026, dated 14.07.2026 was issued to the Petitioner and she submitted her explanation on 18.07.2026. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the impugned show-cause notice on the ground that the said notice is vague and is not supported by any material.

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Women development and child welfare submitted that the impugned notice is only a show cause notice and no right of the Petitioner is affected and at this stage, this Court cannot interfere to it.

4. Heard the counsels.

5. The impugned notice is only a show-cause notice calling for an explanation from the Petitioner and issuance of a show-cause notice

does not affect the legal right of an individual to maintain a Writ Petition. For exercise of jurisdiction under Article 226 of the constitution of India, infringement of legal right of an individual is sine qua non and in the absence of the same, no Writ can be issued. The arguments of the Petitioner on the merits of the allegations in the show cause notice cannot be examined at this stage.

6. Further, it is not the case of the Petitioner that the authority who issued the impugned show-cause notice issued it without jurisdiction. Therefore, this Court, considering the limited scope, is not inclined to interfere with the impugned show-cause notice, and consequently, this Writ Petition is disposed of, leaving it open to the Petitioner to pursue his defense before the Respondent-Authority. No order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

Date: 22.07.2026
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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	✔

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Dated: 22.07.2026

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