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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3458]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 22839/2026

Between:

1. DR. HANUMANTHU RAMESH, ,S/O H. RAMAMURTY DORA AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS. OCC VETERINARY DOCTOR,C/O RAMESH PET CARE CENTRE PLOT NO 193, SECTOR 2, M.V.P.COLONY, VISKHAPATNAM- ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT, ANDHRA PRADESH SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI. AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522238
2. DR P V LAKSHMAIAH, CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT, C/O A.P. STATE VETERINARY COUNCIL, 3RD FLOOR, VETERINARY POLY CLINIC COMPLEX, KOTHAPETA, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-522 001.
3. DR P V RAMANA, , REGISTRAR, C/O A.P. STATE VETERINARY COUNCIL, 3RD FLOOR, VETERINARY POLY CLINIC COMPLEX, KOTHAPETA, GUNTUR DISTRICT,_ANDHRA PRADESH-522 001.

...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 toissue appropriate writ or order or direction preferably one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents, especially the action of the respondent No2 issued dated notice dt29-07-

2026 to the petitioner on dt01-08-2026 and demanded an explanation without reasonable time and without holding a prior inquiry violates Principles of Natural Justice. The respondent No2 with predetermined issued backdated notice dt 29-07-2026 to the petitioner and directing the petitioner Tor explanation and produce the documentsdt03-08- 2026 without inquiry is discriminatory and violate of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India as illegal, arbitrary against settled principles of law and also against the principles of natural justice and it appears to be set aside the backdated notice dt29-07-2026 This Honourable Court be pleased to set aside the respondents backdated notice dt29-07-2026,and in I.A.this Honourable Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to follow strict procedural compliance and fair opportunity for hearing during disciplinary proceedings on petitioner

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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 direct the respondents to follow strict procedural compliance and fair opportunity for hearing during disciplinary proceedings on petitioner

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. GOMPA RAMESH BABU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri Gompa Ramesh Babu, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Animal Husbandry appearing for the respondent No.1.

2. The petitioner, a practicing Veterinary Doctor, was issued a notice dated 29.07.2026 to appear before the disciplinary committee of the Andhra Pradesh Veterinary Council on 03.08.2026 at 5:00 PM, along with all records,

on the alleged complaint that has been made against the petitioner that the petitioner had administered treatment without appropriate diagnosis and investigation and treated the animal while he was under the influence of alcohol and with the assistance of unqualified persons, and the said treatment resulted in the death of the dog belonging to the complainant. The petitioner contends that he received the said notice on 01.08.2026 during night hours. It is stated that on 01.08.2026, the respondents confronted the petitioner about the alleged incident, however, after the said confrontation, the petitioner was issued the impugned notice dated 29.07.2026, the same was received during night hours of 01.08.2026, which is claimed to be antedated.

3. The contention of the petitioner is that to the said notice, the petitioner has submitted the preliminary explanation and sought copy of the complaint and further time to file a detailed explanation. He contends that without considering the said explanation, and furnishing the material, the respondents are contemplating to pass orders against the petitioner.

4. Considered the submissions. The contention of the petitioner is that the proceedings are antedated, the correctness or otherwise of the same cannot be gone into without supporting documents. However, the other contention of the petitioner is that the impugned proceedings have been issued without furnishing the material that which formed the basis for issuance of the notice, and the respondents are contemplating to pass final orders without furnishing the same, as the said allegation is with regard to non-compliance of the principles of natural justice. This Court, therefore, is of the

view that the interests of justice would be met if the respondents are directed to pass appropriate orders after furnishing the material that was sought by the petitioner and after providing opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

5. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 12.08.2026
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