

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NOOTY RAMAMOHANA RAO

W.P.No.1390 of 2015

ORDER:

The petitioner, who is working as an Anganwadi Worker with the Integrated Child Development Project, has been placed under suspension pending inquiry into certain allegations levelled against her, through Proceedings dated 04-12-2014 passed by the Project Director.

The grievance of the petitioner is that on mere trumped up allegations, she has been placed under suspension and she is unjustly being continued under suspension without in any manner feeling the urgency for completing the inquiry.

Sri P.Raj Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are so trivial for placing her under suspension. Even those allegations, which have been levelled against the petitioner, have been remedied by her by taking appropriate measures. For instance, a grievance is made out that the Anganwadi Center is run from her house; the petitioner has remedied the same by hiring another premises and running the center there from. Sri Raj Kumar therefore, prays this Court to set aside the said order and reinstate the petitioner as Anganwadi Worker.

Whether the allegations levelled against the petitioner really stick to her or not can only be decided after the inquiry is conducted into them. At this stage, it will not be possible for a final opinion, one way or the other, to be passed in the matter. At the same time, it is not at all proper for a person to be continued under suspension for long without conducting the inquiry at all. As it is, four months' time has already elapsed.

Therefore, Respondents 2 and 3 are directed to complete the

inquiry as expeditiously as is possible, preferably within a maximum period of thirty days from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order, duly following the procedure and also observing the principles of natural justice and pass an appropriate speaking order, either reinstating the petitioner back to service or otherwise and communicate the same to her.

With this, the writ petition stands disposed of at the admission stage, but without costs.

Consequently, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, stand disposed of.

**NOOTY RAMAMOHANA
RAO, J.**

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24.03.2015.