

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A. RAMALINGESWARA RAO

WRIT PETITION No.13931 of 2015

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Cooperation for respondents 1 to 3.

2. The short point raised in the present Writ Petition is for conducting elections to the fourth respondent Society in respect of which the elections took place only once during the last 18 years. The petitioner states that from 1969 onwards, during 40 years, the elections were conducted only on three occasions. Out of 9 Societies, 7 Societies were already wound up and the fourth respondent Society is one of the two surviving Societies. Pursuant to the orders of this Court in W.P.No.22558 of 2002 dated 24.03.2004, elections were conducted in the year 2007 and the term of the Committee expired in 2012. Thereafter, person-in-charge committees are being appointed from time to time. The present person-in-charge was appointed on 07.01.2015 and his term is coming to an end on 06.07.2015.

3. Since this is an admitted case of non-conducting of elections even after expiry of original term of the body in the year 2012, this Court thinks that this is a fit case where a direction can be issued to the second respondent to conduct elections to the fourth respondent Society expeditiously and complete the same within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is needless to observe that the second respondent can take appropriate action for appointment of a person-in-charge after the expiry of the term of the present person-in-charge in order to continue the election process.

4. The Writ Petition is, accordingly, allowed. No order as to costs. Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

A. RAMALINGESWARA RAO, J

Date: 16.06.2015

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