

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT HYDERABAD
FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA & THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN
PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VILAS V. AFZULPURKAR

WRIT PETITION No.3305 of 2015

BETWEEN

P. Kodandapani.

... PETITIONER

AND

APSRTC, Rep. by its Regional Manager, Chittoor Region, Chittoor District
and another.

...RESPONDENTS

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR. G. RAVI MOHAN

Counsel for the Respondent: MR. A. RAMA RAO

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard.

2. Petitioner, working as driver with the respondent corporation, was put off duty by order of the Depot Manager dated 30.10.2014

in view of the adverse breath analyzer test showing that the petitioner had consumed the alcohol beyond the permissible limit. On the same day, petitioner has also been given a charge sheet requiring him to submit explanation. The said disciplinary enquiry is pending. Petitioner has, however, questioned the order putting him off duty as well as the issuance of the charge sheet.

3. However, similar contentions, as raised by the petitioner with reference to circular of the respondent corporation, were already considered by this Court and rejected in WP.No.3627 of 2015 dated 19.02.2015. In view of that, both the said orders, which are impugned herein, do not require any interference. So far as conducting of disciplinary enquiry is concerned, the same, undoubtedly, has to be conducted expeditiously. Hence, respondents are directed to ensure that the disciplinary enquiry is completed as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of two (2) months from today.

The writ petition is disposed of. As a sequel, the miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

VILAS V. AFZULPURKAR, J

February 24, 2015
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