

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No. 33041 OF 2017

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed questioning the selection of the 4th respondent as a LPG Distributor for Kothagudem, by virtue of the notification dated 15.09.2013, and seeking to set aside the selection list dated 01.12.2014.

The case of the petitioner is that pursuant to the notification issued in 2013, under Scheduled Castes category, he applied for LPG distributorship and accordingly, he was directed to be present on 01.12.2014 at Indane Area Office, Vijayawada to participate in drawal of lots. However, among the short-listed candidates, the 4th respondent was selected as a LPG distributor. The petitioner had therefore, filed objections raising the ground that the 4th respondent is drawing salary and emoluments to the tune of Rs.36,000/- per month as the Chair-Person of the Zilla Parishad, Khammam, and thus, she is ineligible to be considered for grant of distributorship, as, under the guidelines for selection of regular LPG distributor, a person to be considered for appointment shall not be in employment / earning member. Since such guideline is violated in the case of the 4th respondent, the petitioner made a representation dated 12.09.2017 to the 1st respondent to cancel the selection of the 4th respondent, but however, the same has not been considered so far.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Sri Dominic Fernandez, learned Standing Counsel for Respondents 1 to 3.

In view of the fact that the 4th respondent came to be selected for grant of distributorship in 2014 itself, this Court is not inclined to pass any order on merits, at this stage. However, considering the plea of the petitioner to, at least, direct the respondents to consider the objections raised by him, without expressing any opinion on merits, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and dispose the objections raised by the petitioner *vide* representation dated 12.09.2017 within six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

Consequently, the miscellaneous Applications, if any shall stand closed.

12th October 2017

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CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J

