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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

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WEDNESDAY ,THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JANUARY TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 1394/2025

Between:

1. UDDEPATI MANJUNATH, S/O NARAYANAPPA, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, R/O D.NO.2-161, CHINNA HOTUR VILLAGE, ASPARI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
2. SAMBAGAL NARESH,, S/O VENKATESH, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS, R/O D.NO.1-1, B.C.COLONY, TANGARADONE VILLAGE, ASPARI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
3. BOYA NAGARJUNA,, S/O VENKATESH, AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS, R/O 5TH PANCHAYATH, B.C.COLONY, INAKAL VILLAGE, ASPARI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
4. CHAKALI ASHOK KUMAR,, S/O THIMMAPPA, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, R/O D.NO. 1-72-1, KAIRUPPALA VILLAGE, ASPARI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
5. DULLAGALA CHADAVE RAMUDU,, S/O ANJINAIAH, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, R/O D.NO.1-82, B.C. COLONY, MULUGUNDAM VILLAGE, ASPARI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
6. KURUVA SURENDRA,, S/O HONNAPPA, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, R/O D.NO. 1-87, HOLAGONDA VILLAGE, ASPARI MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDING, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTORCUMDISTRICT PROGRAMME COORDINATOR, MGNREGS, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT, A.P.
3. THE PROJECT DIRECTORCUMADDITIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAMME COORDINATOR, DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
4. THE PROJECT MANAGER, MGNREGS, AT COLLECTORATE OFFICE, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.
5. THE PROGRAM OFFICERCUMMANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MGNREGS, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, ASPARI MANDAL, ASPARI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...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 to issue a Writ Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondents 2 to 5 in dispensing with the Petitioners services and not allowing them to work as Field Assistants in Villages within the jurisdiction of Respondents 4 and 5 even without issuing notice, hearing them, passing any orders, assigning any reasons as illegal, arbitrary, violation of principles of natural justice, contrary to the provisions of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme Act, 2005 and in violation of Article 14, 21 of Constitution and consequently direct the Respondents 2 to 5 to continue the Petitioners as Field Assistants in various Grama Panchayats and allow them to work as Field Assistants and pass

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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 pleased to direct the Respondents 2 to 5 to continue the Petitioners as Field Assistants in various Grama Panchayats and allow them to work as Field Assistants and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. A SYAM SUNDAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES IV
2. B V APARNA LAKSHMI

The Court made the following:

:ORDER:

The petitioners, six in number, filed the above writ petition complaining about the highhanded action of respondents 2 to 5 in not allowing them to discharge their duties as Field Assistants in their respective Gram Panchayats.

2. Heard Sri A. Syam Sundar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners; Sri S. Raju, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services, Sri M.S.R. Chandra Murthy, learned standing counsel for respondents 2 to 4 and Smt. B.V. Aparna Lakshmi, learned standing counsel for respondent No.5.

3. The petitioners joined as Field Assistants in their respective Gram Panchayats as stated in para No.3 of the writ affidavit.

4. At the hearing learned standing counsel for respondents 2 to 4 produced a copy of instructions furnished by respondent No.5, wherein it was mentioned that respondents 2 to 5 are not interfering with the petitioner's discharging duties as Field Assistant. In fact, all the petitioners are attending the works and their salaries for December 2024 were also paid.

5. Given the instructions of learned standing counsel for respondents Nos.2 to 4, this Writ Petition is disposed of, at the admission stage with the consent of learned counsel on either side, directing the respondents 2 to 5 not to prevent the petitioners from discharging duties as Field Assistants in their respective Gram Panchayats, without following due process. No order as to costs.

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

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JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

Dated: 22.01.2025
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