IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

WRIT PETITION NO: 6542 OF 2025

Between:

Gurram Ravi, S/o. G. Nageswara Rao, Aged about 58 years, Occ: Municipal Commissioner Selection Grade, Now working as General Manager, Andhra Pradesh Greening and Beautification Corporation (APGBC) Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep By Its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, State of Andhra Pradesh, Gorantia, Guntur District.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an order or direction or Writ more particularly one in the nature of ***WRIT OF MANDAMUS*** declaring the action of the respondents not considering the petitioner claim for promotion to the post of Regional Director of Municipal Administration without reference to the charge memo vide G.O.Rt.No.56, dt.29.01.2020 Municipal Administration and Urban Development Vig.II.1) Department in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, dt.10.06.1999. General Administration Department as highly illegal, arbitrary, unjust, discrimination, unconstitutional and violation of Articles 14,

16 & 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the orders of this Hon'ble Court and consequently direct the respondents to promote the petitioner as Regional Director of Municipal Administration in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, dt.10.06.1999. General Administration Department with all consequential benefits.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents consider the petitioner claim for promotion to the post of Regional Director of Municipal Administration in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, General Administration Department, dt:10.06.1999 pending disposal of the above Writ Petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI P.SHREE RAM

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 & 2: ASST.GP FOR SERVICES-I

The Court made the following: ORDER

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AT AMARAVATI **[3506]**
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AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others ...**RESPONDENT(S)**

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.P SHREE RAM

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the following relief/s:-

"...to issue an order or direction or Writ more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents not considering the petitioner claim for promotion to the post of Regional Director of Municipal Administration without reference to the charge memo vide G.O.Rt.No.56 dt.29.01.2020 Municipal Administration and Urban Development ((Vig.II.1) Department in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257 dt.10.06.1999, General Administration Department as highly illegal arbitrary unjust discrimination unconstitutional and violation of Article 14 16 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the orders of this Hon'ble Court and consequently direct the respondents to promote the petitioner as Regional Director of Municipal Administration in terms of

G.O.Ms.No.257 dt.10.06.1999 General Administration Department with all consequential benefits and pass such other order or orders..."

2. Heard Sri P.Shree Ram, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-I appearing on behalf of the respondents.

3. A charge memo was issued 29.01.2025, *vide* G.O.Rt.No.56 Municipal Administration & Urban Development (Vig.II.1) Department, to the petitioner framing two Articles of Charges. As per Annexure-I, Charge-I is levied alleging that the petitioner has committed irregularities in collection of the D&O Trade License Fee in Kothagudem Municipality and Charge-II is that he had exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct and unbecoming of a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S(Conduct) Rules,1964.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that charge memo was issued when the petitioner's case was under consideration for promotion to the post of Regional Director of Municipal Administration and he would urge that it would suffice, if a direction be given to the respondents to consider his case for promotion in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257 General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 10.06.1999.

5. Learned Government Pleader for Services-I did not refute the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. Given the facts and circumstances of the case, without touching the merits of the matter, the Writ Petition is ***disposed of***, with the consent of both the counsel, at the stage of admission, directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's case for promotion to the post of Regional Director of Municipal Administration in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, dated 10.06.1999, if the petitioner is in the zone of consideration and fulfills all requisite qualifications. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

Sd/- B. CHITTI JOSEPH
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, State of Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, State of Andhra Pradesh, Gorantia, Guntur District.
3. One CC to Sri P.Shree Ram, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP for Services-I, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
5. **Three CD Copies.**

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HIGH COURT

DATED:18/03/2025

ORDER

WP.No.6542 of 2025



DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS