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

MONDAY, THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 2215 OF 2026

Between:

1. POLAKI TRINADHA RAO, S/o P. Raja Rao (Late), Age 39 years, Occ Head Constable, R/o D.No.2-189, Kolanukonda, Tadepalli, Guntur District, A.P.

...Petitioner

AND

1. UNION OF INDIA, Ministry of Home Affairs,Government of India, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, North Block, New Delhi - 110001.

2. The Senior Accounts Officer, Pay and Accounts Office (Pension and Misc.), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi-110001

3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary. Home Department, Secretariat Building, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh - 522237

4. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District. Andhra Pradesh-522503.

5. The Addl Director General of Police, Greyhounds (OPs), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-531163.

6. Inspector General of Police, Greyhounds (OPs), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-531163.

...Respondents

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 topleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order, or Direction, more particularly a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the respondents in sanctioning and extending the benefits attached

to the Shaurya Chakra Award namely issuance of Identity Card, Presidential Medal Certificate, monthly monetary benefits, Airline Concession Pass and in not considering the petitioner for conferment of Parakram Padak (Wound Medal) as per Presidents Secretariat Notification dated 17-01-1973 and other consequential benefits, as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to forthwith sanction and extend all such benefits to the petitioner within a stipulated time, and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 to consider and sanction the conferment of Parakram Padak (Wound Medal) as per President's Secretariat Notification dated 17-01-1973 and also to consider my case for promotion and other consequential service benefits, pending disposal of the main writ petition.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 to sanction and extend the benefits of the Shaurya Chakra Award, namely issuance of Identity Card, Presidential Medal Certificate, monthly monetary benefits. Airline Concession Pass, pending disposal of the main writ petition, and pass

IA NO: 3 OF 2026

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 May be pleased to permit the petitioner to implead the Chief Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Building, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522237 as Respondent No.7 in W.P. No. 2215 of 2026 and in the interlocutory application, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: B.K.CHAKRAVARTHY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I Counsel for the Respondents:BACHINA HANUMANTHA RAO (CENTRAL GOVT COUNSEL)

The Court made the following order:

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

W.P.No.2215 of 2026

O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed to declare the inaction of the Respondents in sanctioning and extending the benefits attached to the Shaurya Chakra Award, namely issuance of identity card, Presidential Medal Certificate, monthly monetary benefits, Airline Concession Pass, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. Petitioner had joined the Police Department on 24.12.2007 as Police Constable in Andhra Pradesh Special Police, 6th Batallion, Mangalagiri, and was deputed to work at Greyhounds, Visakhapatnam, where he served in the said post till 26.05.2025. During his tenure, he discharged various operational and combat duties with dedication and sincerity while serving as Junior Commando, Senior Commando and Assistant Assault Commander. In recognition of his active participation in several exchange of fire operations, he was given identity card as Sub Inspector of Police on 28.08.2015. While, he was serving as Assistant Assault Commander at Greyhounds, Visakhapatnam, he participated in exchange of fire operation at Ramgurha on 24.10.2016 and sustained a bullet injury. For displaying exceptional bravery and courage, he was awarded Shaurya Chakra on 27.03.2018 by the then Hon'ble President of India.

3. In recognition of his award, the State Government had issued G.O.Rt.No.567, General Administration (POLL.B) Department, dated 13.03.2019 awarding monetary amount of Rs.6,00,000/-. Apart from that monthly allowance of Rs.6,000/- was also sanctioned. However, the amount was not being regularly credited into the account of the Petitioner and had only received part payments. As there are certain benefits attached to the Shaurya Chakra Award, the Petitioner had submitted representations on 12.08.2022, 06.03.2023 and 01.03.2025, however, as there was no response, the Petitioners submitted a detailed representation to the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, on 20.12.2025. Hence, the present writ petition is filed for additional benefits like monthly monetary benefits, airline concession pass, Presidential Medal Certificate and for conferment of Parakram Padak (would Medal) as per President's Secretariat Notification dated 17.01.1973 and other consequential benefits.

4. In the counter affidavit filed by the Respondent No.6, the facts are not in dispute. It was pleaded that the Petitioner was recommended and nominated for Kirthi Chakra award dated 07.04.2017 for his participation in exchanging of fire at Chitrakonda PS Limits, Malkanagiri District, Odisha on 24.10.2016. Thereafter, he was awarded with Shaurya Chakra on the occasion of Independence Day, 2017 vide Notification No.94-Press/2017, dated 15.08.2017 of Under Secretary (Cer.) of

Ministry of Defense and Gazette of Government of India r/w Gazette Notification No.44, dated 04.11.2017.

5. As regards the claim of the Petitioner regarding monetary allowance, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter dated 14.04.2018 sanctioned the amount and directly credited to the account of the Petitioner as and when the Petitioner submits the pre-receipt bill, bank details, life certificate to Assistant Accounts Officer, Pay & Accounts Officer (Pension and Misc.) and that the State Authorities have no control with regard to grant of monthly monetary allowance to the Petitioner.

6. With regard to the issuance of identity card, it is stated that the Director General of Police had addressed a letter dated 24.05.2023 to the Deputy Secretary, Public Section, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, with a request to issue ID Card. As regards the issuance of air concession card, Respondent No.1 had addressed a letter to Respondent No.4 on 08.06.2022 requesting to issue air concession pass in respect of 34 Police personnel, out of 34, 32 Police personnel, recipients of PMG/PPMG have received air concession IDs vide memo dated 01.11.2022 and the Petitioner and others are yet to receive air concession cards.

7. With regard to Parakram Padak (Wound Medal), a letter dated 25.09.2021 was addressed by the Additional Director General of Police,

Operational (Greyhounds), Andhra Pradesh, to the competent authority to forward the same to Government recommending the name of the Petitioner for Parakram Padak and that the State Authorities do not have any authority to take decision on the recommendations. It is further stated that all the necessary steps were taken by the State Authorities and the delay is on account of in action from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

8. As per the instructions of the learned counsel for Union of India, it is stated that Ministry of Home Affairs requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Petitioner to provide the details in the prescribed proforma to issue ID card vide letter dated 29.11.2022, but no documents were received in the Ministry either from the State Government or individual and that necessary action will be taken after receipt of the required details.

9. The payment of monetary allowance has been released from time to time as per available records till April 2025 and no claim for further payment has been received from the Petitioner. Necessary action for release of further payment will be taken on receipt of the required documents i.e., Life Certificate, Pre-receipt bill from the applicant. As regards the cash grant and other benefits, it is stated that the Petitioner has to apply to the State/UT Administration.

10. Heard Sri B.K. Chakravarthy, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Government Pleader for Services-I for Respondent No.6, and learned Standing Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.

11. In this case, the Respondents are not denying the claim of the Petitioner, but the State Government says that they are awaiting for further communication from the Union Government while the Union Government states the opposite.

12. Rather than going into the blame game among the Respondents, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

i) The Petitioner is directed to submit the documents sought by Respondent Nos.3 and 4 as well as Respondent No.1 in the prescribed proforma, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

ii) Upon receipt of the same, Respondent Nos.1 and 2 shall extend all the benefits attached to Shaurya Chakra Award to the Petitioner immediately thereof.

iii) The Director General of Police or his nominee shall ensure that the benefits attached to Shaurya Chakra Award reach the Petitioner.

iv) The time calendered for compliance is four (04) months from the date of receipt of the copy of this Order.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions if any shall stand dismissed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 12.10.2026

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