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

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 2351 OF 2026

Between:

1. Sri K. Ananda Raju,, S/o. K. Subba Raju, Aged about 60 years, Occ. Jeep Driver, R/o. D.No.1/17, Singaraj'ugari palle, Maddirevula,LakkireddipalleMandal,AnnamaiahDistrict

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department,A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh. 522237

2. The Director of Animal Husbandry, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. 520001

3. The District Collector and Magistrate, Chittoor, Chittoor District. 517001

4. The Joint Director Animal Husbandry, Chittoor, Chittoor District. 517001

5. The Assistant DirectorAnimal Husbandry, Puttur, Chittoor District. 574201

...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 toto issue a Writ of Mandamus, or other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring declare the Proceedings vide Proc.Roc.No.2028/B/2025, Dated 09.01.2026 issued by the 4th Respondent in relieving the Petitioner from service on attaining the age of 60 years (retrospectively w.e.f 31.05.2025) as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, violative of Articles 14, 16, and 21 of the Constitution of India, violative of Principles of Natural Justice besides being contrary to the AP Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Amendment Act, 2022 consequently set aside the proceedings vide Proc.Roc.No.2028/B/2025, Dated 09.01.2026 issued by the 4th Respondent by directing the Respondents to continue the Petitioner in service as Driver with all service benefits, including salary and seniority, until he attains the age of superannuation of 62 years in accordance with law and/or 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 to suspend the proceedings vide Proc.Roc.No.2028/B/2025, Dated 09.01.2026 issued by the 4th Respondent pending disposal of the writ petition and/or pas

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 to Direct the Respondents more particularly 4th Respondent to forthwith allow the Petitioner to discharge his duties as Jeep Driver in 4th Respondent office and pay his monthly salaries regularly pending disposal of the writ petition and/or pas

Counsel for the Petitioner: VUBBARA DUSHYANTH REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following order:

WRIT PETITION NO: 3595 OF 2026

Between:

1. M REDDEPPA REDDY, S/o. M. Subbi Reddy, Aged about 60 years, Occ Office Subordinate, Working in the O/o. The Assistant Director, Area Veterinary Dispensary, Madanapalle Division, Annamaiah District R/o. D.No.26-31/2, M.C. Palyam, Palamaner, Chittoor, Chittoor District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Fisheries and Dairy Development Department, A.P.Secretariat,Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh. 522237

2. The Director of Animal Husbandry, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. 520001

3. The District Collector and Magistrate, Chittoor, Chittoor District.517001

4. The Joint Director Animal Husbandry, Chittoor, Chittoor District. 517007

5. The Assistant Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Area Veterinary Dispensary, Madanapalle Division, Annamaiah District. 517325

6. District Animal Husbandry Officer, Rayachoty, Annamaiah District. 516269

...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 toto issue a Writ of Mandamus, or other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring declare the Proceedings vide Proc.Roc.No.2028/B/2025, Dated 20.01.2026 issued by the 4th Respondent in relieving the Petitioner from service on attaining the age of 60 years as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, violative of Articles 14, 16, and 21 of the Constitution of India, violative of Principles of Natural Justice besides being contrary to the AP Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Amendment Act, 2022 consequently set aside the proceedings vide Proc.Roc.No.2028/B/2025, Dated 20.01.2026 issued by the 4th Respondent by directing the Respondents to continue the Petitioner in service as office subordinate with all service benefits, including salary and seniority, until he attains the age of superannuation of 62 years in accordance with law and/or 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 Honble Court to suspend the proceedings vide Proc.Roc.No.2028/B/2025, Dated 20.01.2026 issued by the 4th Respondent pending disposal of the writ petition and/or pass

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 Honble Court to Direct the Respondents more particularly

4th Respondent to forthwith allow the Petitioner to discharge his duties as office subordinate and pay his monthly salaries regularly pending disposal of the writ petition and/or 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 vacate the Interim Order passed on 07.05.2026 in I.A.No.1/2026 in writ petition No.3595/2026 by dismissing the W.P.No.3595/2026 and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: VUBBARA DUSHYANTH REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following order:

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION No.2351 and 3595 of 2026

COMMON ORDER:

These Writ Petitions are filed questioning the action of Respondent-Authorities in relieving the Petitioners from service on attaining the age of 60 years vide proceedings dated 09.01.2026 and 20.01.2026, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioners were initially appointed as 'Driver and Office Subordinate' in A.P.State Cooperative Rural Irrigation Corporation respectively. The grievance of the Petitioners now is that they were sought to be superannuated with effect from 31.05.2025 and 31.01.2026 respectively on attaining the age of 60 years and that the benefit of enhanced age of superannuation, i.e., from 60 to 62 years, as per G.O.Ms.No.45, Finance (HR.IV-FR&LR) Department, dated 02.07.2026, was not being extended to him. Hence, the Writ Petition came to be filed.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners relied on the Judgment, dated 21.07.2026 in W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch to support his contention.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services does not dispute the same.

5. This Court disposed of the W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch, directing the State Government to examine the issue and take a conscious decision about enhancement of age up-to 62 years to non-regular employees working for a substantial number of years in State departments and State owned/controlled entities.

6. In the light of the same, as the issue involved in the present Writ Petition is squarely covered by the order, dated 21.07.2026, passed in W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch, the present Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the said order.

7. The Registry is directed to append a copy of the order, dated 21.07.2026, passed in W.P.No.12413 of 2025 and batch, to this order. No order as to costs.

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

NYAPATHY VIJAY,J

Date: 02.11.2026
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