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

WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 6351 OF 2026

Between:

1. Y SANJEEVA REDDY, S/o Y. Sanjeeva Reddy, Aged about 60 years, Occ: Forest Beat Officer, R/o 7/55, Ramasamudram, B.Kodur, Kadapa District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Aranya Bhavan, Guntur.

4. The District Forest Officer, YSR (T) Division, Kadapa.

5. The Forest Range Officer, Vempalli Range, Vempalli. Kadapa District.

...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 to issue a Writ more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, i. Declaring the action of the Respondents herein in relieving the Petitioner herein from his duties as a Forest Beat Officer, Yellatur Beat of Vempalli Range on 28.02.2026 vide Rc.No.4433/2024/A4 dated 17.02.2026 and Rc.No.Esst/2026A/MP dated 26.02.2026 and in not permitting the Petitioner to continue in the said post till the age of 62 years, as per G.O.Ms.No.15 dated 31.01.2022 as being illegal, arbitrary, unjust and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India, ii. Consequently set aside Rc.No.4433/2024/A4 dated 17.02.2026 issued by the Respondent No.4 and Rc.No.Esst/2026/VMP dated 26.02.2026 issued by the Respondent No.5, iii. Direct the Respondents herein to continue the Petitioner in the post of Forest Beat Officer, Yellatur Beat of Vempalli Village till his attainment of 62 years, iv. And pass such other orders.

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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 may be pleased to direct the Respondents herein to continue the Petitioner in the post of Forest Beat Officer, Yellatur Beat of Vempalli Village till his attainment of 62 years and pass such other orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: VIVEKANANDA VIRUPAKSHA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following order:

Whether the order is :

Speaking Yes/No / Reasoned Yes/No
Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable Yes/No

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondents in not continuing the Petitioner in service till he attains the age of 62 years of superannuation on par with the regular employees as provided *vide* G.O.Ms.No.15, Finance (HR.IV-FR&LR) Department, dated 31.01.2022.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the issue involved in this Writ Petition is squarely covered by the Common Order dated 21.07.2026 passed by this Court in W.P.Nos.12413 of 2025 and batch and requested to pass a similar order in this Writ Petition also.

3. W.P.Nos.12413 of 2025 and batch is disposed of with the following directions:

> *(i) The State Government shall examine the issue and take a conscious decision about enhancement of age upto 62 years to non-regular employees working for a substantial number of years in State departments and State owned/controlled entities;*

(ii) Till such time, the petitioners/non-regular employees in service shall be continued or till they attain the age of 62 years;

(iii) The petitioners who have retired on attaining the age of 60 years may be considered for re-engagement till 62 years in the event no alternative arrangement is made.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-I appearing for the Respondents does not dispute the same.

5. In view of the same, the Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the Order in W.P.Nos.12413 of 2025 and batch. There shall be no order as to costs.

6. Registry is directed to attach the copy of the Common Order, dated 21.07.2026 in W.P.Nos.12413 of 2025 and batch to this order. No order as to costs.

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

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NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 28.10.2026

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