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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3333]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

WRIT PETITION NO: 11711/2019

Between:

1. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION ANDHRA DIVISION, , VIJAYAWADA, OFFICE AT 58-7-15, LEVEL-3, VAISHNAVI PLAZA, PANTAKALUVA ROAD, NEW P AND T COLONY, VIJAYAWADA- 520 010, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY, SRI.R.PRABHAKAR GOUD, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, S/O.PARVATHANA GOUD, OCC WORKING AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF APSFC.
2. SRI.R.PRABHAKAR GOUD,, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, S/O.PARVATHANA GOUD, OCC WORKING AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF APSFC, R/O.VIJAYAWADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. ANDHRA PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, LST FLOOR, MGM CAPITAL, ABUTTING NI-1-16 SERVICE ROAD, CHINNA KAKANI, NEAR LITTLE VILLAGE RESTAURANT, NEAR NRI HOSPITAL 'Y' JUNCTION, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 522 508, REP. BY ITS STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER.
2. P S S SEKHARUDU, AGE NOT KNOWN, R/O.2-4-73, ROAD NO.15, SNEHAPURI COLONY, R.K.PURAM POST, HYDERABAD- 500 102.

...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 topleased to issue an appropriate writ or order or direction more particular in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to declare the order/ proceedings in Case No.1867/SIC-KJR/2018 dated 09.07.2019 issued by the IstRespondent as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable, unjustifiable, in violation of principles of natural justice, lacking application of mind, in violation of Section 4(1)(b)(viii) and 8(1) (d) of the RTI Act, 2005, and in violation of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the same, 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 to suspend the operation of order/ proceedings in Case No.1867/SIC-KJR/2018 dated 09.07.2019 issued by the 1St Respondent and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. G R SUDHAKAR

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. KAMBHAMPATI RAMESH BABU(SC FOR AP INFORMATION COMMISSION)
2. SHAIK MOULALI

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking the following relief:

> "… to issue an appropriate writ or order or direction more particular in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to declare the order/ proceedings in Case No.1867/SIC-KJR/2018 dated 09.07.2019 issued by the 1st Respondent as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable, unjustifiable, in violation of principles of natural justice, lacking application of mind, in violation of Section 4(1)(b)(viii) and 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act, 2005, and in violation of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the same, and pass such other order or orders…"

2. The case of the petitioners, in brief, is that the 2nd respondent submitted an application dated 24.04.2018 under the RTI Act, seeking various particulars, including the agenda and minutes of the Board meetings concerning the enhancement of the age of superannuation of the employees of the Corporation from 58 years to 60 years. As the requisite information was not furnished, the 2nd respondent pursued the matter by way of an appeal. The Appellate Authority, by its reply dated 12.07.2018, furnished certain information but declined to disclose the agenda and minutes of the meetings, stating that the same were not open to public access in view of Section 4(1)(b)(viii) of the RTI Act. Aggrieved thereby, the 2nd respondent preferred a second appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act before the 1st respondent. In the said proceedings, the 1st respondent issued a notice dated 22.06.2019, fixing the matter for hearing on 09.07.2019. The 1st petitioner-Corporation

submitted its affidavit on the date of hearing, reiterating its stand that the agenda and minutes of the meetings held on 31.07.2017 and 11.11.2017 could not be disclosed in view of Section 4(1)(b)(viii) of the RTI Act. However, the 1st respondent, by proceedings in Case No.1867/SIC-KJR/2018, dated 09.07.2019, directed the 1st petitioner-Corporation to furnish the agenda and minutes of the aforesaid meetings to the 2nd respondent within three weeks from the date of receipt of the order and to submit a compliance report within four weeks. Aggrieved by the said direction, the petitioners have filed the present writ petition.

3. When the writ petition came up for admission, this Court on 21.08.2019 passed the following interim order:

> "..Till then, there shall be stay of operation of order/ proceedings in Case No.1867/SIC-KJR/2018 dated 09.07.2019 issue dby respondent No.1."

4. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners has placed on record G.O.Ms.No.49, Industries and Commerce (ESTT) Department, dated 11.07.2023, whereby an amendment has been issued to Staff Regulation No.20 of the APSFC Staff Regulations, 1960, enhancing the age of superannuation of the employees of the Corporation from 58 years to 60 years, with effect from 08.06.2022.

5. In view of the subsequent development and the enhancement of the age of superannuation, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that no further cause survives for adjudication in the present writ petition.

6. Recording the said submission, the Writ Petition is closed as no further orders are necessary. There shall be no order as to costs

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, in this case shall stand closed.

JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

Date: 28.10.2026
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