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

[3460]

SATURDAY, THE 10th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 29504/2026

Between:

1. BANDARU VEENA, D/O. BANDARU NATRAJ KUMAR, R/O. D.NO.6 /1248, SANKARAPURAM, KADAPA, KADAPA DISTRICT-516002.
2. NUVVULA SAL DEEPTHI,, D/O. NUVVULA CHINNAIAH, R/O. D.NO.1/236-1, POTHAPI VILLAGE AND POST, NANDALUR MANDAL, KADAPA DISTRICT-516151.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES (R AND R) DEPARTMENT, A.P SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. ANDHRA PRADESH-522237.
2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, N.T.R TELUGU GANGA PROJECT, TIRUPATHI, TIRUPATHI DISTRICT, PREVIOUSLY CHITTOOR DISTRICT -517507.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, O/O. THE COLLECTORATE, KADAPA, KADAPA DISTRICT -516001.
4. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SOMASILLA

PROJECT, DARGAMITTA, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT-524003.

...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 toissue a Writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the respondents inaction in providing employment to the petitioners in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98 Irrigation Department dated 15.04.1986 through their names were included in the list published @ http.//kadapa.ap.nic.in on 06.04.2023 as arbitrary, illegal, discriminatory and violative of right to life, Articles 14, 19, 21 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to consider their candidature for employment as per the candidates mentioned in Memo No.7477081/R and R/A2/2023-7 (C.No.2116015) dated 30.06.2025 and Frogs. SE/SKDGNSS/KDP/AB/EC/AB/0E.2/E20/260 M/259 M dated 22.04.2026

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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 direct the respondents to consider the petitioners candidature for providing employment in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98 Irrigation Department dated 15.04.1986 by extending the benefit at part with the candidates mentioned in Memo No.7477081/ R&R/A2/2023-7 (C.No.2116015) dated 30.06.2025 & Progs.SE/SKDGNSS/ KDP/AB/EC/AB/EC/AB/CE.2/E20/260 M/259 M, dated 22.04.2026, pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. G.KRISHNAPRASAD ROYAL

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE
2. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

W.P.No.29504 of 2026

O R D E R:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the inaction of the Respondents in not providing employment to the Petitioners in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (PROJ. WING) Department, dated 15.04.1986, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The lands of the parents of the Petitioners were acquired at Rangayapalli, Obulampeta, Pothapi, Kothapalli Villages for the purpose of the Somasila Project in the year 1979-1980. As per G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (PROJ. WING) Department, dated 15.04.1986, employment was to be offered to the members of the displaced families or their dependents. The Petitioners, being the dependent of the original landowners, applied for employment in terms of the said G.O. However, though their names were reflected in the shortlisted eligible persons, their cases were not considered for employment. Hence, this Writ Petition is filed.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner relies on the judgment of this Court in W.P.No.40372 of 2018 and batch, and

W.P.No.3445 of 2020, wherein employment was directed to be offered to the dependents of the landowners therein, and seeks similar relief in the present case. Learned counsel further submits that the land acquisition took place in 1979-1980 and, despite the lapse of more than 40 years, employment has still not been provided.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that case of the Petitioners will be considered and necessary action will be initiated for providing employment in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98 dated 15.04.1986, as per the rules in force.

5. Considering the fact that the lands of the Petitioners were acquired way back in 1979-1980, the delay in providing employment cannot be justified; more so, as the employment was to be treated as part of the promised compensation.

6. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the Respondents to consider the case of the Petitioners for employment on par with similarly placed persons, as expeditiously as possible. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 10.10.2026
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