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

MONDAY, THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 28394 OF 2026

Between:

1. CH NARAYANAMMA, W/o.Chakradhar, Aged about 34 years, Occ Anganwadi Helper, Rio. Polepalle Village, Durgi Mandal, Palnadu District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Women and Child Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.-522237

2. The Commissioner Women and Child VVelfare Department, Jampani Towers, Amaravathi Road, Guntur.-522006

3. The District Collector and Chairman, District Selection Committee of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, Palnadu District.-522601

4. The Project Director, District Women and Child Welfare Department, Palnadu District.-522601

5. The Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Gurazala, Palnadu District.-522415

...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 toissue appropriate Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the respondents not considering the case of petitioner working as Anganwadi Helper in Anganwadi Center Center No.0707075, Polepalle-II, Durgi Mandal, Palanadu District for promoting same center to the post of Anganwadi Worker, Center Center No.0707075, Polepalle-II, Durgi Mandal, Palanadu District as arbitrary, illegal against Art.14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and

consequently direct the respondents to promote the petitioner as Anganwadi Worker

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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 name of the of petitioner working at same Center No.0707075, Polepalle-II, Durgi Mandel, Palanadu District for appointment to the post of Anganwadi Worker, Center Center No.0707075, Polepalle-II, Durgi Mandel, Palanadu District by considering representation dates 20-7-2026 and 31-07- 2026 pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRIDHAR TUMMALAPUDI

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following order:

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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O R D E R**:**

This writ petition is filed declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of Anganwadi Worker, Polepalle-II, Durgi Mandal, Palnadu District as illegal and arbitrary.

2. Petitioner was initially appointed as Anganwadi Helper, Polepalle-II vide proceedings No.142/A/2017, dated 18.05.2017. While so, the Anganwadi worker working in the same Anganwadi centre died on 21.05.2026 and the Petitioner is entitled to be considered to the said post being the senior most.

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Women Development and Child Welfare Department submits that there are three centres in Polepalle Village i.e., Polepalle-I, II, III. It is further submitted that the criteria for effecting promotion as provided in G.O.Ms.No.5 Department for Women, Children, Differently Abled and Senior Citizen (Prog.I) dated 13.03.2026, should be adhered to. Learned counsel further submits that one Busani Krishna Kumari who is working as Anganwadi Helper in Polepalle-I Centre, is senior than the Petitioner and she is entitled to be considered as Anganwadi worker.

4. Heard Sri. Sridhar Tummalapudi, learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Women Development and Child Welfare Department.

6. G.O.Ms.No.5 dated 13.03.2026 provides guidelines for promotion of Anganwadi Helpers to Anganwadi Workers. Without going into the entitlement of the Petitioner that whether the Petitioner is senior most or not, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Respondents to effect promotion following G.O.Ms.No.5 dated 13.03.2026 in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 05.10.2026
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