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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3460]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 28564/2026

Between:

1. P.RAMESH BABU, S/O. LATE.P.BANGARU NAIDU AGED.55 YEARS, OCC.BILL COLLECTOR, NARAYANAVANAM GRAMPANCHAYAT, R/O.H.NO.2-9,SRINIVASA PURAM HABITATION TIRUCHANURU, TIRUPATI MANDAL, TIRUPATHI DISTRICT 517501

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRL SECRETARY PANCHAYATRAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT AMRAVATI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522238
2. THE COMMISSIONER PANCHAYATRAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH TADAPALLI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522501
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, TIRUPATI DISTRICT,TIRUPATI ANDHRA PRADESH.
4. THE DISTRICT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICER, TIRUPATHI DISTRICT, TIRUPATHI ANDHRA PRADESH 517503

...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 toto issue a writ or writs more particularly in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the impugned action of the respondents in not considering my case for transfer or deputation to Tiruchanuru Gram panchayat as Bill Collector in the existing clear vacancy as I am a physically handicapped having lost one leg(Amputation upto the Knee level) as I am a chronic patient of Diabetic Nueropathi, High blood pressure, Kidney decease and under went Heart Bipass surgery twice and I cannot travel without assistance and the present place of working Narayanavanam is nearly about forty kilometers and Emergency Medical services are not available in my present place of posting,is illegal, arbitrary, high handed, discriminatory, violation of principles of natural justice and cannot be justified in the eye of law and consequently direct the respondents to consider the case of petitioner to transfer the petitioner from Narayanavanam to Tiruchanur Gram panchayat or to post the petitioner in Tiruchanur Gram panchayat as Bill Collector on deputation in view of the health condition of the petitioner in the interest of justice

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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 direct the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioner dated 21-05-2026 and 09-09-2026 for transfer of the petitioner or post him on deputation as Bill Collector of Tiruchanuru Gram Panchayat in the interest of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. CH SRINIVAS

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES III

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondent-Authorities in not considering the case of the Petitioner for transfer or deputation to Tiruchanuru Gram Panchayat as Bill Collector against the existing vacancy, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was appointed as Sanitary Maistry in the Panchayat Raj Department on a temporary basis, and his services were regularized in terms of G.O.Ms.No.212, Finance (PC.III) Department, dated 22.04.1994, by the District Panchayat Officer, Chittoor District. Thereafter, the Petitioner was promoted to the post of Bill Collector in the year 2015 and has been discharging his duties as such. While so, the Petitioner was suspended from service on 30.06.2025 on account of the misappropriation of property tax and water tax to the tune of Rs.22,73,192/- at Tiruchanur Gram Panchayat during the years 2024-2026.

3. Later, the Petitioner was reinstated into service vide proceedings dated 23.04.2026 and was posted to work at Narayanavanam Gram Panchayat as Bill Collector. Thereafter, the Petitioner submitted representations dated 21.05.2026 and 09.09.2026 to the Respondent-

Authorities, requesting to post him at Tiruchanuru Gram Panchayat, as he is a physically disabled person (with amputation up to the knee level) and is suffering from chronic diabetic neuropathy, high blood pressure and kidney disease, and has undergone heart bypass surgery twice. It was further submitted that the distance between the present place of posting and Tiruchanuru Gram Panchayat is about forty kilometers and that there is an existing vacancy in Tiruchanuru Gram Panchayat. As the representations submitted by the Petitioner are not being considered, the present Writ Petition came to be filed.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services – I submitted that the representations given by the Petitioner would be examined by the Respondent-Authorities and an appropriate decision would be communicated to the Petitioner.

5. Heard Sri Ch. Srinivas, learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services – I.

6. Considering the submissions, with the consent of learned counsel appearing on both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of at the admission stage, with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondent-Authorities are directed to examine the representations dated 21.05.2026 and 09.09.2026

given by the Petitioner and to communicate an appropriate decision to the Petitioner, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. No order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

Date: 06.10.2026
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Dated: 06.10.2026

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