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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: 29491/2026

Between:

1. KADAPA NARAYANA,, S/O YALLAIAH, AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, OCC. FARMER RESIDING AT THIMMARAJUPALLI VILLAGE, NANDALURU MANDAL, KADAPA DISTRICT - 516150.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. PINCODE-522238.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY IRRIGATION AND CAD (R AND R) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. PINCODE-522238.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, KADAPA, KADAPA DISTRICT - 516001.
4. THE SPECIAL COLECTOR LA, GNSS, KADAPA -516001.

5. THE SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR LA, SOMASILA PROJECT, RAJAMPETA, KADAPA COLLECTORATE BUILDING, KADAPA 516001.
6. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, SOMASILA PROJECT, TIRUPATI, CHITTOOR(TIRUPATI) DISTRICT. PINCODE-517507.
7. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SOMASILA PROJECT, DARGAMITTA, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT. PINCODE-524301.
8. THE TAHSILDAR, NANDALURU MANDAL, KADAPA DISTRICT- 516510.

...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 an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents No.2 to 7 not including the petitioner name in the eligibility list and not providing the employment to the petitioner in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation and CAD (PW) Department, dated.15.04.1986 under the Displaced Persons Quota of Somasila Project in Thimmarajupalli Village, Nandaluru Mandel, Kadapa District as illegal, arbitrary and violative of articles 14, 16 and 226 of Constitution of India and violation of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to consider the petitioner candidature for employment in any suitable posts

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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 appoint the petitioner in any suitable posts in terms of G.O.Ms. No.98, Irrigation and CAD PW Department, dated.15.04.1986

under the Project Displaced Persons Quota of Somasila Project, pending disposal of the writ petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. VALLEPU JAGADEESH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR LAND ACQUISITION
2. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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O R D E R:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the inaction of the Respondents in not providing employment to the Petitioner 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 Petitioner were acquired at Thimmarajupalli Village, Nandaluru Mandal, Kadapa District, for the purpose of the Somasila Project in the year 1994. 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 Petitioner, being the original landowner, applied for employment in terms of the said G.O. However, though his name was reflected in the shortlisted eligible persons, his case was 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 1994 and, despite the lapse of more than 30 years, employment has still not been provided.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that case of Petitioner 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 Petitioner were acquired way back in 1994, 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 Petitioner 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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