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

WEDNESDAY, THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 23632 OF 2026

Between:

1. GORREMUTCHU ADAM, S/o Koteswara Rao, Aged about 35 years, Occ. Out Sourcing Employee, R/o 8-121/B, Santhamagulur Village and Mandal, Prakasam District, AP.,

2. Ghanta Devendra, S/o Lakshmi Narayana, Aged about 39 years, Occ. Employee, R/o 1-103, Ramalayam Street, Nallapadu, Guntur District.

...PETITIONERs

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Energy Ser Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi Amaravati-522238.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement Tourism and Culture (Sps and YS), Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi Amaravati-522238.
3. The Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd, Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director, Vidyuth Nilayam, Corporate Office, Tirupati, AP.,

...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 to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the impugned action of Respondent No.2 in not implementing the horizontal sports quota for the posts of Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Assistant Executive Engineer (Telecom), and Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil), pursuant to Notification No.1/2026, dated 25.06.2026, as illegal, arbitrary, unjust, discriminatory, contrary to G.O.Ms.No.25, dated 15.05.2026, and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to implement the

horizontal sports quota and consider and select the petitioner under the sports quota for the posts of Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Assistant Executive Engineer (Telecom), and Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil), pursuant to Notification No.1/2026, dated 25.06.2026 in terms of G.O.Ms. No.25 dated 15.05.2026.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 implement the horizontal sports quota and consider and select the petitioner under the sports quota for the posts of Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Assistant Executive Engineer (Telecom), and Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil), pursuant to Notification No.1/2026, dated 25.06.2026 in terms of G.O.Ms. No. 25 dated 15.05.2026.

Counsel for the Petitioners: SRINIVASA RAO MORTHA
Counsel for the Respondents: VENKATA RAMA RAO KOTA
SC FOR APSPDCL
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES III
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES II
Counsel for the Respondents: THE ADVOCATE GENERAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 28985 OF 2026

Between:
1. V VIJAY KUMAR, S/o. V. Venkata Ramana, Aged about 36 years, Application APVR0116465 R/o D.No. 5-109, TV Tower, Ananthapur Rural, Ananthapur Distirct.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Energy Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238

2. AP Vidyut Recruitment Coordinate Committee, Rep.by its Chaiman, Eluru Road, Vijayawada, NTR District. - 520002

3. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd AP TRANSCO, Rep.by its Chairman and Managing Director, Vidyut Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada, NTR District - 520004

4. Southern Power Distribution Company of AP Ltd AP SPDCL, Rep.by its Chairman and Managing Director, Corporate Office, D.N019-13 65/A, Tiruchanoor Road, Srinivasapuram, Tirupati District – 517503

5. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement Tourism and Culture Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238

...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 to issue a writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents 2 to 4 in not providing Reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification no.1/2026 dated 25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No. 85/ 26-27 dated 25.06.2026 in terms of G.O.M.S.No.25 YAT and C dept. dated 15.05.2026 and G.O.M.S.No.77, GAD, dated 02.08.2023 for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer as unconstitutional, arbitrary, illegal, unsustainable and violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Indian Constitution and consequently direct the Respondents to implement Reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification no.1/2026 dated 25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No.85/ 26-27, dated 25.06.2026 of the 3rd and 4th Respondents in terms of G.O.M.S.No.25, YAT and C dept. dated 15.05.2026 and G.O.M.S. No.77 GAD dated 02.08.2023 for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 Representation dated: 28.09.2026 of the petitioner and implement Reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification no.1/2026 dated: 25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No. 85/ 26-27 dated: 25.06.2026 of the 3rd and 41" Respondents in terms of G.O.M.S.No.25 YAT & C dept. dated: 15.05.2026 and G.O.M.S.No.77 GAD, dated: 02.08.2023.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SODUM ANVESHA

Counsel for the Respondents: VENKATA RAMA RAO KOTA SC FOR APSPDCL Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES III Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES II

Counsel for the Respondents: V.V. SATISH

WRIT PETITION NO: 29160 OF 2026

Between:

1. Enumula Sujith Kumar, S/o. Siva Sankar, Aged about 27 years, Occ Un-employee, R/o. D.No.7-17-31/A, 6th Lane, Srinagar, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522002

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522238.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports and Youth Services) Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522238.

3. The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited APCPDCL, Rep. by its Chairman and Managing Director, Corporate Office, Vidyut Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh -- 520004.

...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 to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in not implementing the 3 percentage horizontal reservation for eligible meritorious sportspersons under G.O.Ms.No.25, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture Sports and Youth Services Department, dated 15.05.2026, in the recruitment pursuant to Notification No.1/2026 dated 25.06.2026, insofar as the petitioner is concerned, as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to implement the said 3 percentage horizontal sports reservation and consider the candidature of the petitioner, under the said sports reservation in accordance with the applicable Government Orders, rules and guidelines and to pass such other orders.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 keep one appropriate vacancy in the post of Assistant Executive Engineer Electrical under the 3rd respondent Corporation vacant and not to fill up the same, subject to

the result of the Writ Petition pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass such other orders.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 and process the petitioner's candidature under the 3% horizontal sports reservation provided under G.O.Ms.No.25 dated 15.05.2026, after verification of his sports credentials pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass such other orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: THOKA HARSHA SAI PAVAN YADAV
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES III
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES II
Counsel for the Respondents: V. V. SATISH

WRIT PETITION NO: 30651 OF 2026

Between:

1. Patri Lakshmana Rao, S/o. Patri Rama Rao, SKota Veera Narayanam, Aged about 24 years, Occ Software, R/o. S Kota Veera Narayanam, Ramaswamipeta, Boddam, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh - 535145.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522238.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports and Youth Services) Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh - 522238.

3. The Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, 50275/1, TPT Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh, 530013. Represented by its Chairman and Managing Director.

...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 to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action

of the respondents in not implementing the 3 percent horizontal reservation for eligible meritorious sportspersons under G.0.Ms.No.25, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture Sports and Youth Services Department, dated 15.05.2026, in the recruitment pursuant to Notification dated 25.06.2026, insofar as the petitioner is concerned, as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to implement the said 3 percent horizontal sports reservation and consider the candidature of the petitioner, under the said sports reservation in accordance with the applicable Government Orders, rules and guidelines.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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.

Counsel for the Petitioner: THOKA HARSHA SAI PAVAN YADAV
Counsel for the Respondents: V. V. SATISH (SC for APEPDCL)
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES III
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES II

WRIT PETITION NO: 32462 OF 2026

Between:

1. Marakalakuppam Madhavi,, D/o M. Siddaiah, Aged about 39 years, Rio D.No.3-21/A, Muddalapalli, Pakala Post and Mandal, Tirupati (Chittoor) District- 517112.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District- 522 238.

2. AP Vidyut Recruitment Coordinate Committee, Rep.by its Chaiman, Eluru Road, Vijayawada, NTR District- 520002.

3. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd AP TRANSCO, Rep.by its Chairman and Managing Director, Vidyut Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada, NTR District- 520004.

4. Southern Power Distribution Company of AP Ltd AP SPDCL, Rep. by its Chairman and Managing Director, Corporate Office, D.No 19-13 65/A, Tiruchanoor Road, Srinivasapuram, Tirupati, Tirupati (Chittoor) District- 517503.

5. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement Tourism and Culture Department, Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District- 522 238.

...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 to issue a Writ Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondents 2 to 4 in not providing Reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification No.1/2026 dated 25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No.85/26-27 dated 25.06.2026 in terms of G.O.M.S.No.25 YAT and C dept. dated15.05.2026 and G.O.M.S.No.77 GAD dated02.08.2023 for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer as unconstitutional, arbitrary, illegal, unsustainable and violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Indian Constitution and consequently direct the Respondents to implement Reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification No.1/2026 dated25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No.85/26-27 dated25.06.2026 of the 3rd and 4th Respondents in terms of G.O.M.S.No.25 YAT and C dept. dated15.05.2026 aid G.O.M.S.No.77 GAD dated02.08.2023 for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer and pass such other orders.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 may be pleased to direct the Respondents to implement Reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification No.1/2026 dated:25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No.85/26-27 dated:25.06.2026 of the 3rd and 4th Respondents in terms of G.O.M.S.No.25 YAT & C dept. dated:15.05.2026 and G.O.M.S.No.77 GAD dated:02.08.2023 for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer and pass such other orders.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 may be pleased to direct the Respondents to forthwith hold and keep vacant the posts earmarked for horizontal reservation for meritorious sportsperson in Notification No.1/2026, dated :25.06.2026 and Notification in Ro.No.85/26-27, dated:25.06.2026 of the 3rd and 4th Respondents in terms of dated:15.05.2026,

G.O.M.S.No.25 YAT & C Department and G.O.M.S.No.77, GAD, dated:02.08.2023 for Recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer and pass such other orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: DEVIPRASAD P
Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I
Counsel for the Respondents: V. V. SATISH

The Court made the following order:

Whether the order is :

Speaking Yes/No / Reasoned Yes/No
Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable Yes/No

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION Nos.23632, 28985, 29160, 30651 and 32462 of 2026

COMMON ORDER:

1. These Writ Petitions are filed questioning the action of Respondents in not providing reservation to the meritorious sportspersons in Notification No.1 of 2026, dated 25.06.2026 and in Notification RO.No.85/26-27, dated 25.06.2026 in terms of G.O.Ms.No.25, YAT & C Department, dated 15.05.2026 and in terms of G.O.Ms.No.77, General Administration Department (Services-D) Department, dated 02.08.2023 for recruitment to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The facts leading to this case are as follows:

The issue in all the cases is similar and the W.P.No.28985 of 2026 is taken as lead case for narration of facts. A recruitment Notification was issued by the Respondent No.4 on 25.06.2026 for filling up the posts of Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Assistant Executive Engineer (Telecom) and Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil). A similar notification was issued by Respondent No.3 vide Notification RO.No.85/26-27, dated 25.06.2026 for filling up the same posts.

3. In both the Notifications, vertical reservations in respect of Schedule Castes (Group-I, II & III), Schedule Tribes, Backward Classes (A, B, C, D & E) and Economically Weaker Sections and horizontal reservations in respect of persons with Benchmark Disabilities, Women were provided.

4. The examination was conducted on 27.08.2026 and the results were declared on 01.10.2026. At this stage, these Writ Petitions are filed questioning the non-specification of any quota for Meritorious Sportspersons as provided in Rule 22(a) of The Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 as amended vide G.O.Ms.No.77, GAD, Dated 02.08.2023. The cases are substantially based on the sports policy of the state frame vide GOMs No.25 dated 15.5.2026 providing 3% reservations in all posts in government bodies,Local bodies,PSU and uniformed service.

5. In the Counter-Affidavits filed by the Respondents, it is stated that the quota for Meritorious Sportspersons was restricted only to certain posts by the APTRANSCO vide T.O.O (Addl.Secy.-Pen) Ms.No.4244, Dated 05.06.2026 and the quota was not extended to other categories considering the critical nature of work required in the Power Distribution Companies. It is stated that the said orders are not challenged and in the absence of any challenge to those proceedings, the present Notification being a consequence of the said proceedings cannot be called in

question. It is further stated that the reservation to Meritorious Sportspersons is only an enabling provision and it is prerogative of the employer to determine as to which post the quota can be applied.

6. Learned counsels for the Petitioners would submit that the amendment to provide quota to Meritorious Sportsperson should be uniformly extended to the Respondent-Corporations and there is no reason to keep the Meritorious Sportspersons' quota only to certain posts as is being followed by the Respondent-Corporations. The learned counsels for Petitioners relied on the language applied in G.O.Ms.No.25, YAT & C Department, dated 15.05.2026 to that effect.

7. The learned Advocate General appearing for the Respondents would submit that even prior to the advent of amendment to Rule 22A of the State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 vide G.O.Ms.No.77, GAD, Dated 02.08.2023, the Meritorious Sportspersons' quota was restricted only to certain posts and the same is being continued even after amendment to the said Rule. It is further submitted that the Petitioners have participated in the examination conducted on 27.08.2026 without any objection and after the results were declared on 01.10.2026 they are estopped from questioning the notification clauses. Therefore, the Writ Petitions cannot be maintained.

8. Heard T.Harsha Sai Pavan, Sodum Anvesha learned counsels for the Petitioners and Learned Advocate General assisted by Standing Counsel V.V.Satish for the Respondent corporation.

9. The APTRANSCO vide T.O.O (Addl.Secy.-Pen) Ms.No.4244, Dated 05.06.2026, taking note of the Sports Policy 2024-29 of the State Government and G.O.Ms.No.77, GAD, Dated 02.08.2023, restricted the applicability of horizontal reservations of Meritorious Sportspersons to certain category of posts i.e., Junior Assistant, Typist and Steno-Typist in Accounts Service, Assistant, Assistant-cum-Computer Operator, Typist and Junior Steno in P & G Services as per Schedule III Sub-regulation 22 of APSEB Services Regulations. The same is extracted below:

Amendment made in G.O 10th read above	***APTRANSCO Partial Adopted***
"Provision of a 3% horizontal reservation in direct recruitment across Government Departments, Local Bodies, PSUs, and Uniform Services such as Police, Excise, and Forest Departments etc., for meritorious sportspersons, who qualify in the prescribed recruitment examinations conducted by the recruiting agencies. Provision of 50% of Grade III coaches in SAAP shall be filled by National International medallists recruited through the selection board."	*"Provision of a 3% horizontal reservation in direct recruitment across Government Departments, Local Bodies, PSUs, and Uniform Services such as Police, Excise, and Forest Departments etc., for meritorious sportspersons, who quality in the prescribed recruitment examinations conducted by the recruiting agencies,* ***limited to the categories of Junior Assistant, Typist and Steno typist in Accounts Service, Assistant, Assistant- cum-Computer Operator, Typist and Junior Steno in P&G Services****, as per Schedule III Sub- regulation 22 of APSEB Services Regulations, Part II as adopted by APTransco."*

10. The same was adopted by the APSPDCL and other power distribution entities as well. The post of Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Assistant Executive Engineer(Civil) and Assistant Executive Engineer(Telecom) do not fall in the categories within which the sports reservations were made applicable.

11. The reason for excluding the other categories of posts for reservation for meritorious sportsmen was that they involve critical technical functions, continuous field supervision and round the clock maintenance of the transmission network and financial functions as per the letter of the corporation to the Government vide letter dated 05.09.2026. There could be oscillating opinions regarding the reasons given, but these are aspects where discretion should be given to the employer/corporation. Be that as it may, in the absence of enabling Regulation providing quota for meritorious sportsmen in the notified posts and in the absence of challenge to any Regulation, the claim of the petitioners is bereft of merit on this count.

12. Apart from that, the employer cannot be compelled to provide reservations for Meritorious Sportspersons irrespective of the nature of the post as there is no fundamental right or statutory right to insist for such claim. The sports policy of the state framed vide G.O.Ms. No.25, dated 15.5.2026 is only executive in nature and idealistic. The executive instruction cannot run roughshod over the state government entities

governed by statutory Rules specifying the method, qualifications and quotas of appointment. The appointments to the posts in Respondent Corporation are governed by the APSEB Regulations which are statutory in nature and the claim of the petitioners should be traced to the said regulations and as mentioned supra, but nothing is pointed out to the court for seeking such enforceable right.

13. A similar issue was considered by Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Punjab v. Anshika Goyal***[1], and set-aside the direction of the Punjab and Haryana High Court enhancing the quota for meritorious sportsmen to 3% as against the quota of 1% specified in the notification. The said case was concerning admissions to medical colleges and the issue that fell for consideration is at paragraph 8 thereof which reads as under;

> ***"8.*** *Now so far as the directions issued by the High Court directing the State to provide for 3% reservation/quota for sportspersons, instead of 1% provided by the State is concerned, it appears from the impugned judgment and order1 passed by the High Court that it has issued the said direction considering the Sports Policy, 2018. It is true that as per Clause 8.11(v), 3% reservation for sportspersons has been provided. However, it is to be noted that Clause 10 permits/allows any other department to have specific policy providing for reservation for sportspersons other than 3%. As observed hereinabove, thereafter the State Government has issued an Order dated 25-7-2019 providing for 1% reservation/quota for sportspersons. The said order has been issued and 1% reservation/quota for sportspersons is provided after taking into consideration the Sports Policy, 2018. Therefore, a conscious policy decision has been taken by the State Government to provide for only 1% reservation/quota for sportspersons.* ***Therefore, the question posed for the consideration of this Court is, whether the State Government's action taking a policy decision to prescribe a particular percentage of reservation/quota for a particular***

[1] **(2022) 3 SCC 633**

category of persons, can be interfered with by issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the State Government to provide for a particular percentage of reservation for a particular category of persons other than what has been provided in the policy decision taken by the State Government.*"*

14. After referring to the Judgements of Hon'ble Supreme Court in **(*i*) *Gulshan Prakash* v. *State of Haryana*[2] (*ii*) *Central Bank of India* v. *SC/ST Employees Welfare Assn.*[3] (*iii*) *Suresh Chand Gautam* v. *State of U.P.*[4]** and **(*iv*) *Mukesh Kumar* v. *State of Uttarakhand*[5]**, it was held that no mandamus can be given to enhance reservation to meritorious sportsmen. Paragraph 10 is extracted below;

"10. Applying the law laid down by this Court in the aforesaid decisions to the facts of the case on hand, we are of the opinion that the High Court has committed a grave error in issuing a writ of mandamus and directing the State Government to provide for 3% reservation/quota for sportspersons, instead of 1% as provided by the State Government. *A conscious policy decision was taken by the State Government to provide for 1% reservation/quota for sportspersons. A specific Order dated 25-7-2019 was also issued by the State Government.* ***Therefore, the High Court has exceeded its jurisdiction while issuing a writ of mandamus directing the State to provide a particular percentage of reservation for sportspersons, namely, in the present case, 3% reservation instead of 1% provided by the State Government, while exercising powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the impugned common judgment and order passed by the High Court insofar as directing the State to provide for 3% reservation for sportspersons and/or provide for a sports quota of 3% in the government medical/dental colleges is unsustainable and the same deserves to be quashed and set aside.****"*

[2] (2010) 1 SCC 477
[3] (2015) 12 SCC 308
[4] (2016) 11 SCC 113
[5] (2020) 3 SCC 1

15. Lastly, as in many cases concerning recruitment notifications, cases are filed at the fag-end and these batch of cases are no different. The present Writ Petitions are filed long after the notification and after the examination was conducted on 27.08.2026. Most of the cases were after the results were declared on 01.10.2026 and in the opinion of this Court, the Petitioners knowing fully well that there is no Meritorious Sportspersons' quota cannot turn around after participating in the recruitment process. A similar view was taken in ***Anupal Singh v. State of U.P.,***[6] and paragraph 61 thereof is extracted below;

> ***"61.*** *The private respondents knew that by the revised Notification dated 12-10-2014, the number of vacancies of different categories have been changed and knowing the same, they participated in the interview and have taken a chance and opportunity thereon without any protest.* ***Having participated in the interview and having failed in the final selection, it is not open to the private respondents to turn around and challenge the revised Notification dated 12-10-2014 and the revised requisition of the number of vacancies in different categories.*** *Having regard to the consistent view taken by the Supreme Court, the High Court should not have granted any relief to the private respondent intervenors."*

16. For the above said reasons, there is no merit in the Writ Petitions and accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs.

As a sequel, pending applications, if any, shall stand closed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 18.11.2026

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[6] (2020) 2 SCC 173

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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