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

SATURDAY, THE 10th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 29271/2026

Between:

1. M V PATRUDU, S/O. LATE BULLI PATRUDU, AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, EX-U.DC., EPF IN PADERU DIVISION, APEPDC LTD., VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT, A.P. 531024.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ENERGY DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 522238.
2. EASTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED APEPDCL, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE OFFICE, D.NO. 50-27-5/1, TPT COLONY, NEAR GURUDWARA JUNCTION, SEETHAMMADHARA, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 530013.
3. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER OPERATIONS, APEPDCL, OPERATION CIRCLE, OPPOSITE HOTEL GREEN PARK, WALTAIR MAIN ROAD, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 530020.
4. THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER OPERATIONS, APEPDCL, OPERATION DIVISION, PADERU, ALLURI SITHARAMA RAJU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 531024.

5. THE ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER, ELECTRICITY REVENUE OFFICE ERO, APEPDCL, NARSIPATNAM, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 531116.

6. THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER OPERATIONS, APEPDCL, OPERATION DIVISION, ANAKAPALLI, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 531001.

7. THE SENIOR ACCOUNTS OFFICER, APEPDCL, CIRCLE OFFICE, OPP. HOTEL GREEN PARK, WALTAIR MAIN ROAD, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 530020.

8. THE GENERAL MANAGER INTERNAL AUDIT, APEPDCL, CORPORATE OFFICE, D.NO. 50-27-5/1, TPT COLONY, NEAR GURUDWARA JUNCTION, SEETHAMMADHARA, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 530013.

9. THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER HRD, APEPDCL, CORPORATE OFFICE, D.NO. 50-27-5/1, TPT COLONY, NEAR GURUDWARA JUNCTION, SEETHAMMADHARA, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 530013.

...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 toPleased to issue a Writ Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd Respondent in not disposing of my appeal pending before him dated 02 09 2026 by suspending the Memo No. HRD DC P011 F.No.873 2007 D.No.622 2010 dated 03 12 2010 as bad illegal and arbitrary and consequentially direct the 2nd Respondent to dispose of the appeal pending before him dated 02 09 2026 and to pass

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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 pleased to direct the 2nd respondent to reinstate me into service as ExUDC / Cash / Division Office / Paderu now UDC /E.R.0 / Narsipatnam, pending disposal of appeal before 2nd respondent Dt.02-09-2026 and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. K SUBRAHMANYAM

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. V V SATISH (SC for APEPDCL)
2. GP FOR SERVICES II

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 disposing of the appeal, dated 02.09.2026, filed by the Petitioner, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was appointed as Typist in the year 1993. While the Petitioner was working as UDC in the Division Office, Paderu, he was suspended from service with effect from 31.10.2007, and a departmental enquiry was initiated against him with regard to financial irregularities at Paderu Division. Thereafter, the suspension of the Petitioner was revoked, and he was posted to work at ERO, Narsipatnam, vide memo, dated 23.07.2009. Subsequently, the Enquiry Officer appointed in respect of the aforementioned departmental enquiry submitted the enquiry report vide letter, dated 14.09.2009, holding that the charges framed against the Petitioner were proved.

3. Later, on 04.12.2010, the Petitioner was removed from service. The Petitioner submitted multiple representations to the Respondent-Authorities and, on 02.09.2026, filed an appeal before Respondent

No.2, along with a petition to condone the delay in filing the said appeal. As the Respondent-Authorities are not considering the appeal filed by the Petitioner, the present Writ Petition is filed.

4. Sri V.V. Satish, learned Standing Counsel for APEPDCL submitted that the appeal filed by the Petitioner would be considered by the Respondent-Authorities and an appropriate decision would be communicated to him as expeditiously as possible.

5. Heard Sri K. Subrahmanyam, learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Standing Counsel for APEPDCL.

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 appeal filed by the Petitioner and to dispose of the same within a period of three months 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: 10.10.2026
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Dated: 10.10.2026

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