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

FRIDAY, THE 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 27953 OF 2025

Between:

1. SHAIK PARAHJANA, W/o Nabi Rasool, Age 38 years. Occ: Anganwadi Helper, R/o H.No.3-79-3, Kandanathi Village, YemmiganurMandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Women Development and Child Welfare Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

2. The Director of Women and Child Welfare, Women Development and Child Welfare Department, Jampani Towers. Amaravati Road, Opp.Narayana School, Bharathpet, Potti Sri Ramulu Nagar, Postal Colony, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

3. The District Collector-cum-District, Project Director, Women Development and Child Welfare, Kurnool District.

4. The Project Director ICDS, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh.

5. The Sub-Collector, Adoni, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh.

6. The Child Development Project Officer CDPO, Yernmiganur, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh,

7. Smt KommuAnadhamma, Age not known to the petitioner Working as Anganwadi Worker, R/o. Kandanathi Village, YemmiganurMandal, Kurnool District

...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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ Order or direction declaring the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 6 in promoting the 7th respondent as Anganwadi Worker at Kandanathi Anganwadi 1st Centre No.1316009 under ICDS Project, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District, A.P., vide proceedings vide Rc.No.42/A - Grievance /2025 dated 04-10-2025 Ex.PI) issued by the3rd Respondent, is high handed, illegal, arbitrary. malafide, contrary to the service rules prescribed under the G.O.Rt. No.102 dt.28.03.2011, WCD and SCs. and G.O.Ms. No. 21 of WD, CW, DW (ICDS.AI) Dept., dt.24.08.2007 and Govt, memos and violation of the orders passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.14493 of 2025 dated 19-06-2025 and consequently directing the respondents 2 to 6 to promote/appoint the Petitioner as Anganwadi Worker at Kandanathi Anganwadi 1st Centre No. 1316009 in ICDS Project, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District in the interest of Justice and pass such other orders.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 respondent Nos. 2 to 6 not to

allow the 7th respondent to Join as Anganwadi worker in Kandanati Anganwadi Center No.1, Kandanati village, Emmiganuru Mandal, Kurnool District, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition in the interest of Justice and pass such other orders.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

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 vacate the interim order dated 14.10.2025 passed W.P. No. 27953 of 2025 and dismiss the Writ Petition and pass such other orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: A CHANDRAIH NAIDU

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR WOMEN DEV CHILD WELFARE Counsel for the Respondents: KASHAPOGU SURESH

The Court made the following order:

Whether the order is :

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

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondent Nos.2 to 6 in promoting Respondent No.7 as Anganwadi Worker at Kandanathi Anganwadi 1St Centre No.1316009 under ICDS Project, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District vide Proceedings in Rc.No.42/A-Grievance/2025, dated 04.10.2025 issued by Respondent No.3, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was initially appointed as Anganwadi Helper at Kandanathi Anganwadi 3rd Centre No.1316277 under ICDS Project, Yemmiganur vide Proceedings No.14/A/2011, dated 04.06.2011. Ever since, the Petitioner was discharging duties to the best of her abilities. While so, a vacancy arose in the post of Anganwadi Worker at Kandanathi Anganwadi 1St Centre No.1316009 under ICDS Project, Yemmiganur. As the Petitioner was the senior most and eligible for appointment as Anganwadi Worker as per the norms laid down had submitted a representation along with Sarpanch and other members of the village on 31.05.2025 for her appointment in the said post.

3. The Petitioner also relied upon the S.S.C. Certificate issued by Oriental Secondary School Certificate for appointment the said post. However, a resolution was also passed by the Kandanathi Gram Panchayat and the village elders also convened a meeting and passed a resolution requesting for appointment of the Petitioner as Anganwadi Worker. As the said representations were not being considered, the Petitioner filed W.P.No.14493 of 2025 before this Court and the same was disposed of directing the Respondents to consider the case of the Petitioner for appointment to the post of Anganwadi Teacher vide order dated 19.06.2025. However, the Petitioner was not considered for appointment and Respondent No.7 was appointed as Anganwadi Worker. On the ground that Respondent No.7 did not have 10 years of experience as Anganwadi Helper and lack of qualification, the present Writ Petition is filed questioning the appointment of Respondent No.7.

4. In the Counter-Affidavit filed by Respondent No.6, it is stated that the Petitioner had completed 13 years and 9 months of service as Anganwadi Helper while Respondent No.7 had completed 7 years and 3 months as Anganwadi Helper. It is further stated that the educational qualification of the Petitioner i.e., S.S.C., through Oriental Secondary School Certificate was enquired into and it was stated that the same is not recognized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as per the letter of the District Educational Officer, Nandyal. As the Petitioner does

not have the requisite qualifications, Respondent No.7 was appointed in the said post.

5. In the Counter-Affidavit filed by Respondent No.7, it is stated that the individual was appointed as Anganwadi Worker in the year 2017 and the S.S.C. Certificate issued by the Oriental Secondary School Certificate is not the recognized qualification and therefore the claim of the Petitioner cannot be sustained.

6. In the additional material papers filed by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, G.O.Ms.No.395, Edn. Dated 26.03.1976 was issued recognizing the S.S.C. Certificate issued by the Oriental Secondary School Certificate.

7. Heard the counsels.

8. Admittedly, the Petitioner had served for a longer period than Respondent No.7 as Anganwadi Helper from the year 2013 onwards while Respondent No.7 had worked as Anganwadi Helper from the year 2017 onwards. The only reason given in the Counter-Affidavits of Respondent Nos.6 and 7 is that the S.S.C. Certificate issued by the Oriental Secondary School Certificate is not a valid Certificate as the said organization is not recognized by the State Government. The G.O.Ms.No.395, Edn., dated 26.03.1976 was specifically with reference

to equivalence of the Certificate issued by the Oriental Secondary School Certificate for the purpose of recruitment in Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Services. The relevant portion of the G.O. is extracted below:

> *"Government after careful consideration and in consultation with the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, hereby recognise a pass in O.S.S.C. (X Class) as equivalent to the Minimum General Educational qualification specified in the schedule to the General rules for purpose of recruitment to Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Services."*

9. In the light of the G.O., the S.S.C. Certificate of the Petitioner cannot be said to be invalid. Therefore, the Writ Petition is disposed of, with the following directions;

i) The Respondent-authorities are directed to re-consider the appointment of the Petitioner along with Respondent No.7 to the post of Anganwadi Worker at Kandanathi Anganwadi 1St Centre No.1316009 under ICDS Project, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District, taking note of the G.O.Ms.No.395, Edn., dated 26.03.1976 afresh without reference to the appointment of Respondent No.7 vide impugned proceedings within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order;

ii) No order as to costs.

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

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NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 13.11.2026
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