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

TUESDAY, THE 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 29875/2026**

**Between:**

1. MANGALAM NAGARAJU, S/O LATE M. SUBRAMANYAM, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, WORKING AS SECURITY PERSONAL, R/O D.NO.8-331-B, SAL NAGAR, RAJIV NAGAR, TIRUPATI (URBAN), CHITTOOR DISTRICT, A.P. -517501

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P. -522238.
2. THE TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, REP BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TTD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, K.T. ROAD, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P. -517501.
3. THE JOINT EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TIRUMALA TIRUAPTI DEVASTHANAMS, TTD ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, K.T. ROAD, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P. -517501.
4. THE CHIEF VIGILANCE AND SECURITY OFFICER, TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TTD ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, K.T. ROAD, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P. -517501.
5. THE ASSISTANT AND SECURITY OFFICER, SECTOR-V, ALIPIRI,

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TTD ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, K.T. ROAD, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P. -517501

**...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 Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondent authorities superannuating the petitioner w.e.f 31.10.2026, on ground of attaining age of 60 years, though petitioner is entitled to be continued up to 62 years, as per the amendment made to the A.P. Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984, vide G.O.Ms.No.45 Finance (HR,IV FR and LR) Department dated 02.07.2026, which rules is made applicable to the services under Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, as per Rule 12 of Service Rules as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 14 of constitution of India, consequently direct the respondents to continue the service of the petitioner up to attaining the age of 62 years, in the interest of justice and pass

**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 pleased direct the respondents to continue the services of the petitioner as Security Personal, pending disposal of this writ petition and pass

**Counsel for the Petitioner:**

1. K KOUTILYA

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

**WRIT PETITION NO: 29892/2026**

**Between:**

1. CHAKALA MUNIKRISHNAIAH, S/O C MUNIRATHNAM, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, WORKED AS SECURITY PERSONAL, R/O D.NO.1-26/B, IRUVARAMPALLI, NAMPAILE, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT,

STATE OF A.P. - 517130.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P. - 522238.
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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 a Writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondent authorities superannuating the petitioner w.e.f 30.06.2026, on ground of attaining age of 60 years, though petitioner is entitled to be continued up to 62 years, as per the amendment made to the A.P. Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984, vide G.O.Ms.No.45 Finance (HR,IVFR and LR) Department dated 02.07.2026, which rules is made applicable to the services under Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, as per Rule 12 of Service Rules as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 14 of constitution of India, consequently direct the respondents to

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1. K KOUTILYA

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

**WRIT PETITION NO: 29916/2026**

**Between:**

1. P. GOPAL, S/O P. VENKATESULU, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, WORKED AS SECURITY PERSONAL, R/O. D/O. 2-591/1, CHENNAMAGUDI PALLE, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, A.P. - 517002.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P. - 522238.
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5. THE ASSISTANT AND SECURITY OFFICER SECTORV, ALIPIRI, TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TTD ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, K.T. ROAD, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P. -517501

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**Counsel for the Petitioner:**

1. K KOUTILYA

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

**WRIT PETITION NO: 29948/2026**

**Between:**

1. YUDUGURU VENUGOPAL RAJU, S/O RADHA KRISHNAM RAJU, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, WORKED AS SECURITY PERSONAL, R/O D.NO. 5-103, RAMAKRISHNA NAGAR, OTERU, VEDANTHA PURAM, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, A.P. - 517507.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P. - 522238.
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**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

**The Court made the following:**

**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

**WRIT PETITION Nos.29875, 29892, 29916, 29948 of 2026**

**C O M M O N O R D E R:**

1. The present batch of Writ Petitions are filed seeking to declare the action of the Respondents in superannuating the Petitioners on the ground that they are attaining an age of 60 years, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioners were appointed by 'Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam' (for short, the 'TTD') as Security Personnel on non regular basis during the period from 2009 to 2011 and were discharging their duties in the said Devasthanam since then. It was submitted that Minimum Time Scale was also extended to them. While so, proceedings were issued to the Petitioners proposing to retire the Petitioners on attaining the age of 60 years. Questioning the same, the present batch of Writ Petitions are filed.

3. Heard Sri K. Koutilya, learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned Standing Counsel for 'TTD'.

4. The Rule 12 of 'TTD' employees service rules specifically provides for age of superannuation of the employees of 'TTD' and the same reads as under:-

> *"12. Superannuation: The age of superannuation of every employee of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams shall be regulated by the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulations of Age of Superannuation Act, 1984 (Act 23 of 1984)) amended from time to time."*

5. The rule is explicit that the age of superannuation of the employees of ‘TTD’ shall be regulated by the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 as amended from time to time. This rule being the ‘legislation by reference’, the amendments to the governing Act would automatically apply to the employees of ‘TTD’.

6. The Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 was amended in the year 2014 and age of superannuation was enhanced upto 60 years and this benefit was extended to all. The Act was again amended in the year 2022 and the superannuation age was enhanced to 62 years. The reason for the enhancement of age of superannuation is the increased age of life expectancy to 70 years. The statement of objects and reasons of the amending act are extracted below:-

> *“The age of superannuation of Government employees has been prescribed as 55 years vide the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984. 19 For the Last Grade Service employees, the age of superannuation has been fixed as 60 For the Last Grade Service employees, the age of superannuation has been fixed as 60 years.*
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> *The Principal Act has been further amended during the year 2014 enhancing the age of superannuation from 58 years to 60 years to the State Government employees etc., w.e.f. 02.06.2014 vide the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) (Amendment) Act, 2014 (Act No.4 of 2014).*
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> *There has been significant improvement in the average life expectancy compared to that in 2014. As per the World Health Organization, the global average life expectancy in 2019 around 73 years and the average Indian lived up to 70 years. There have been improved health conditions in general also.*

> ***It is considered that in order to utilize the experience and expertise of the senior employees and considering the increased life expectancy and improved health conditions in general, proposed to enhance the current age of superannuation of 60 years to 62 years to all the State Government employees covered under the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984*** *and to give effect to the decision from 01.01.2022. In order to give effect to the above, it is necessary to promulgate an ordinance."*

7. The principal reason for enhancement of age as per the statement of objects and reasons of the Amendment Act 4 of 2022 is on account of increased life expectancy and improved health conditions in general. It is on this principle only that the age of superannuation for regular employees in PSUs, Corporations and Societies included under Schedules IX and X of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act-2014 was enhanced. Going by the statement of objects and reasons of the amendment act as extracted and highlighted above, there is no reason to treat the non-regular employees differently as long as there is necessity and able to discharge the works to the satisfaction of the employer.

8. Once a conscious policy decision is taken to increase the age of superannuation of employees to 62 years on account of increased life expectancy and improved health conditions in general, retiring an individual on attaining the age of 60 years merely on account of his nature of employment, while continuing the regular employee discharging the very same nature of work and in the same office upto 62 years, is odd and sounds

irrational. This oddity is exaggerated when the employee is able and there is a requirement for such an employee.

9. Taking note of the above, this Court had disposed of the Writ Petition No.12413 of 2025 and batch directing the State Government to take a conscious decision about enhancement of age upto 62 years to non regular employees working for a substantial number of years in State departments and State owned/controlled entities and till such time, the non regular employees in service shall be continued or till they attain the age of 62 years. The directions are as under:-

> *(i) The State Government shall examine the issue and take a conscious decision about enhancement of age upto 62 years to non-regular employees working for a substantial number of years in State departments and State owned/controlled entities;*
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> *(ii) Till such time, the petitioners/non-regular employees in service shall be continued or till they attain the age of 62 years;*
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> *(iii) The petitioners who have retired on attaining the age of 60 years may be considered for re-engagement till 62 years in the event no alternative arrangement is made.*

10. In the light of the directions to the State and till a decision is taken by the State, the non-regular employees of TTD are also entitled to be continued till attaining the age of 62 years.

11. Accordingly, the Writ Petitions are disposed of, with the following directions:-

(i) The Petitioners shall be continued till attaining the age of 62 years or till the State Government takes a decision on the extension of superannuation age to the non-regular employees, whichever is earlier.

(ii) No order as to costs.

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

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**NYAPATHY VIJAY, J**

Date: 13.10.2026
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**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

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