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

WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 29994/2026

Between:

1. KAGOLANU VENKATESWRA PRASAD, S/O. LATE KRISHNA MURTHY, AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS, OCCUPATION DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, R/O. D.NO. 8-165-1-12, SAISUDHA APARTMENT OPP. ROAD, RAJIV NAGAR, ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, REVENUE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, ANDHRA PRADESH-522238
2. THE SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, ANDHRA PRADESH-522238
3. THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LAND ADMINISTRATION, SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY, MANGALAGIRI, ANDHRA PRADESH-522502
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE OFFICE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-523001
5. THE SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR LACUMENQUIRY OFFICER, R AND R UNIT, OLD GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, ROOM NOS.47, 48 AND 49,ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT,

ANDHRA PRADESH-523001

...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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, setting aside the COLA Memo No.REV02-32/78/2026-SER II-SEC-CCLA Part(1), dated 16-09-2026, issued by the Respondent No.2, and the Final Integrated Seniority Lists finalized thereunder, as being arbitrary, illegal , contrary to the Respondent No.2s own proceedings dated 17-08-2026 and contrary to the judgment dated 09-07-2026 in W.P.No.2925 of 2023 and G.O.Rt.No.1533, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated 01-09-2026, violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to issue fresh proceedings and seniority list in the light of orders passed in WP 2925 OF 2023 in accordance with law, 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 to suspend the operation of the impugned Final Integrated Seniority Lists of Deputy Tahsildars for the panel years 2018-19 to 2024-25 in all Zones, issued vide CCLA Memo No.REV02-32/78/2026-SER II-SEC CCLA-Part (1), dated 16-09-2026, pending disposal of the Writ Petition, in the interests of justice.

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 pleased to direct respondents to consider the the representation of the petitioner dated 20-07 2026 and pass orders in the light of Judgment in WP No.2925 /2023 dated 09-07-2026 within two weeks pending disposal of the present writ petition in the interests of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. PATANJALI PAMIDIGHANTAM

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the inaction of the Respondents in not restoring the seniority of the Petitioner in the light of the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.2925 of 2023, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was initially appointed as Village Administrative Officer on compassionate grounds in the year 1997, and the said post was converted to that of Panchayat Secretary on 30.12.2001 and the Petitioner was transferred to Kothapalli Village, Veligandla Mandal, Prakasam District. Thereafter, the Petitioner was promoted to the posts of Village Revenue Officer and Revenue Inspector in the years 2007 and 2018, respectively. While the Petitioner was working as Panchayat Secretary, a disciplinary case was initiated against him under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, and after lapse of substantial period of time, a penalty of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect was imposed against the Petitioner vide G.O.Rt.No.1024, dated 29.11.2022.

3. Thereafter, the Petitioner filed W.P.No.2925 of 2023 before this Court, questioning the order of punishment and seeking to treat him on par with his juniors in terms of promotions, increments and other benefits. This Court, after considering the submissions, allowed the said Writ Petition vide its order dated 09.07.2026, and the operative portion of the said order reads as under:-

> *"25. In view of the same, the impugned orders vide G.O.Rt.No.1024 dated 29.11.2022 are set aside on the ground of delay as well as on the ground of not considering the relevant findings of the judicial pronouncements. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is allowed."*

4. Thereafter, the Petitioner submitted objections to the panels of Deputy Tahsildar from the year 2018-19 to 2024-25 on the ground that the juniors were promoted as Revenue Inspectors in 2011 and further promoted as Deputy Tahsildar, while the promotion was Revenue Inspector was in 2018 on account of disciplinary proceedings. Therefore, sought for restoration of this anomaly in career progression. Consequent thereto, vide the impugned proceedings dated 17.08.2026, the objection of the Petitioner was rejected the CCLA/Special Chief Secretary on the ground that the same would be considered after revision of his seniority in the cadre of Senior Assistant. Hence, the present Writ Petition is filed.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader, on instructions, submitted that the retrospective promotion of the Petitioner in the light of the order of this Court in W.P.No.2925 of 2023 would be examined, and an appropriate decision would be communicated to the Petitioner at the earliest.

6. Heard Sri Patanjali Pamidighantam, learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader.

7. As mentioned above, W.P.No.2925 of 2023 was filed by the Petitioner, questioning not only the order of punishment imposed against him vide G.O.Rt.No.1024, dated 29.11.2022, but also seeking consequential reliefs, and the operative portion of the prayer in W.P.No.2925 of 2023 reads as under:-

> *"…..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 G.O.Rt. No. 1024, dated 29.11.2022 as illegal, arbitrary and against principles of natural justice and consequently set aside the G.O.Rt. 1024, dated 29.11.2022, thereby directing the Respondents to treat the petitioner on par with his juniors in terms of promotions, increments and other benefits and pass……"*

8. After hearing the respective learned counsel, W.P.No.2925 of 2023 was allowed by this Court and the same was accepted by the Government vide G.O.Rt.No.1533, Revenue (VIG.III) Department, dated 01.09.2026. In the light of the same, the Respondent-Authorities

are bound to extend the benefit of promotion to the Petitioner on par with his juniors. Therefore, this Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondent-Authorities are directed to consider the representation, dated 07.09.2026 given by the Petitioner and to extend the career benefits to the Petitioner in the light of the orders of this Court in W.P.No.2925 of 2023, dated 09.07.2026 and G.O.Rt.No.1533, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated 01-09-2026 within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

9. No order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

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