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

FRIDAY, THE 30th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 30363/2026

Between:

1. U RIYAZUN, AU.RIYAZUN, AGED 36 YEARS, R/O D.NO.24/173, POWER HOUSE ROAD, PRODHUTUR, KADAPA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.
2. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF A.P APIIC BUILDING, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522501
3. THE JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, MADDUR NAGAR (NEAR SRI RAMA NAGAR), KURNOOL - 518002
4. THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, COLLECTORATE BUILDING, NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT - 518001

...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 toTo issue a Writ, Order, or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, i. Declaring the impugned action of the 3rd Respondent in fixing the seniority of the Petitioner in the

post of Village Agriculture Assistant Grade II, without taking into consideration the service weightage marks entitled to by the Petitioner, while fixing seniority in respect of all other VAAs (Village Agriculture Assistants) Grade II by adding service weightage marks to them, as illegal and arbitrary. ii. Declaring the impugned action of the 2nd Respondent in not taking any action for rectification of the illegality committed by the 3rd Respondent in fixing the seniority of the Petitioner without adding service weightage marks, in spite of the representation dated 15-05-2024 made by the Petitioner, as illegal and arbitrary. iii. Further declaring the impugned action of the 3rd Respondent in issuing the impugned final seniority list dated 30-09-2026, showing the Petitioner at serial No. 215, without adding service weightage marks to the Petitioner while fixing the seniority of all other Village Agriculture Assistants with their service weightage marks, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, apart from being violative of the principles of natural justice and contrary to the service rules. iv. Consequently, directing the Respondents to revise the seniority of the Petitioner by adding service weightage marks, as done in the case of all other similarly situated in-service candidates, and further to consider the Petitioner for promotion to the post of Agricultural Extension Officer Grade II, with all other attendant benefits, in the interest of justice, and 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 grant interim directing the Respondents to consider the Petitioner for promotion to the post of AEO Grade 11 by revising seniority of the Petitioner by adding service weightage marks as done in the case of all other In-service candidates in the category of VAA (Village Agriculture Assistants) Grade 11 pending disposal of the present writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. G V SHIVAJI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. 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 Respondent No. 3 in fixing the seniority of the Petitioner in the post of Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II), without taking into consideration the service weightage marks to which the Petitioner is entitled, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner is qualified in B.Sc. (Agriculture) and belongs to the BC-E category. While so, the Petitioner was appointed as a Multi Purpose Extension Officer on a contract basis in the Agriculture Department, pursuant to a notification issued in the year 2015. Thereafter, the Petitioner was appointed as Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II), pursuant to a selection process. It is submitted that, as per the notification dated 26.07.2019, issued for the selection of Village Agriculture Assistants (Grade-II), weightage marks of 1.5 marks for every completed period of six months of satisfactory service rendered were provided. However, the said weightage marks were not granted to the Petitioner.

3. Thereafter, the Respondents finalized the seniority in the cadre of Village Agriculture Assistants (Grade-II) on the basis of the rank

obtained by the Petitioner in the recruitment process. The grievance of the Petitioner is that, if the weightage marks had been provided, her rank in the provisional seniority list would have substantially varied and, consequently, there would be career progression for her. Therefore, the said weightage marks ought to be extended to the Petitioner.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-II submitted that the Petitioner had never raised any objection at the time of issuance of the merit list and that the same cannot be urged after finalization of the seniority list. It is further stated that the marks are awarded at the time of appointment and, since the Petitioner did not claim the said marks at the time of appointment, she cannot seek such relief in the present Writ Petition.

5. Heard Sri G. V. Shivaji, learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services – II.

6. The Petitioner claims to have rendered service from the year 2015 as a Multi Purpose Extension Officer in the Agriculture Department and is entitled to weightage marks as per G.O.Ms.No.166 (PR and RD Department), dated 30.10.2019. The Respondents ought to examine the same while preparing the final seniority list. Therefore,

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 Petitioner shall submit a fresh representation along with the documents in support of her claim for weightage marks. Thereupon, the Respondent-Authorities shall examine the same and pass appropriate orders within a period of four 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: 30.10.2026
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Dated: 30.10.2026

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