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

TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 30456/2026

Between:

1. K SRIKANTH, S/O.K.SURENDRANATHA CHARYULU, AGE 38 YEARS, OCC PARICHARAK (OUTSOURCING) SRI NETTIKANTI ANJANEYA SWAMY VAN I DEVASTHANAM, KASAPURAM - 515803, ANANTHAPURAM DISTRICT.

2.. K.CHANDAN KANTEERVA CHARYULU, S/O. K.PRASHANTH KUMAR AGED ABOUT 19 YEARS, OCC HELPER/ARCHAKA, SRI NETTIKANTI ANJANEYA SWAMY VAN I DEVASTHANAM, KASAPURAM -515803, ANANTHAPURAM DISTRICT.

3. G.SRIVATHSA, S/O.G.PRASANNA SAMEER KUMAR, AGED ABOUT 19 YEARS OCC HELPER/ARCHAKA, SRI NETTIKANTI ANJANEYA SWAMY VAN I DEVASTHANAM, KASAPURAM - 515803, ANANTHAPURAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, THROUGH ITS PRI., SECRETARY, REVENUE ENDOWMENTS-I, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI - 522238.

2. THE COMMISSIONER OF ENDOWMENTS, GOLLAPUDI, VIJAYAWADA - 521225.

3. THE REGIONAL JOINT COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT, TIRUPATHI - 517503

4. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ENDOWMENTS, KURNOOL - 518002.
5. THE DISTRICT ENDOWMENT OFFICER, ANATHAPURAM - 515001
6. SRI NETTIKANTI ANJANEYA SWAMY VARI DEVASTHANAM, REP BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KASAPURAM -515803, ANANTHAPURAM DISTRICT

...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 particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring to direct the Respondent No.6 to submit the remarks as directed by the Respondent No.2 vide Memoin Rc.No.C1/13026(40)/3/2026, Dt.16.02.2026 in prescribed check slip proforma within a time bound programme besides directing the Respondent Nos.2 to 6 not to fill up (2) Archaka vacancies in the Respondent No.6 Temple, declaring their action as violative of Art.14 and 21 of the Constitution of India besides violative of A.P. Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions Endowments Act, 1987 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 pleased to direct the Respondent Nos.2 to 6 not to fill up the (2) vacancies of Archaka posts available with the Respondent No.6 pending W.P a

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. VAJJHALA SATYANARAYANA PRASAD

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 seeking a direction to Respondent No.6 to submit the remarks pursuant to the memo issued by Respondent No.2 and to further direct the Respondent-Authorities not to fill up the two Archaka vacancies in Respondent No.6-Temple, pending consideration of the claims of the Petitioners.

2. The Petitioner Nos.1, 2 and 3 are the successors of the hereditary Archakas of Sri Nettikanti Anjaneya Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Kasapuram, Ananthapuram District, namely, Sri K. Garudacharyulu, Sri K. Ananthacharyulu and Sri Guduru Adinarayana Charyulu, respectively. In so far as Petitioner Nos.1 and 2 are concerned, their names were entered in the register maintained under Section 43(10) of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 (for short, 'Act No.30 of 1987'), vide proceedings issued by the Commissioner dated 02.12.2022. As regards Petitioner No.3, it was observed by the Commissioner that no conclusion could be arrived at, at that stage, on the claim of Sri G.

Prasanna Sameer Kumar, S/o. G. Vasudha Rajacharyulu, who is, in turn, the son of G. Adinarayana Charyulu.

3. While so, a recruitment notification was issued on 18.11.2025, seeking to fill up the two vacancies of hereditary Archakas in the said temple and the Petitioners belonging to the family of hereditary Archakas, submitted a representation on 09.02.2026, seeking consideration of their cases for appointment to the said vacancies. Consequent thereto, the Deputy Commissioner called upon the Executive Officer of the said temple to submit a report in the prescribed format. As no further action is being taken thereon and steps are being taken to fill up the two vacant posts of Archakas, the present Writ Petition is filed.

4. Heard Sri V. S. R. Anjaneyulu, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioners, Sri T. Venu Gopal, learned Standing Counsel for Respondent No.6-Temple, and Smt. K. V. N. Pallavi, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Endowments.

5. The State Government had issued the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Right to Archakatvam (Qualifications and Emoluments) Rules, 2019 (for short, ‘the Rules’), with regard to Right to Archakatvam and appointment of

hereditary Archakas. As Petitioner Nos.1 and 2 were recommended to be members of hereditary Archakas, their cases ought to be considered in terms of the Rules before proceeding to fill up the vacant posts of hereditary Archakas in Sri Nettikanti Anjaneya Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Kasapuram, Ananthapuram District. Therefore, with the consent of the 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 consider the cases of the Petitioner Nos.1 and 2 for appointment in the vacant posts of Archaka in Sri Nettikanti Anjaneya Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Kasapuram, Ananthapuram District before proceeding with direct recruitment in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Right to Archakatvam (Qualifications and Emoluments) Rules, 2019.

6. No order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

Date: 27.10.2026
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