HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

Main Case: W.P. No. 31732 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
1.	30.10.2026	**VN, J** The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the Notification dated 18.11.2025 issued by Respondent No. 2 for recruitment of Veera Saiva Aagamam Paricharika posts in the Respondent No. 3 Devasthanam pending representation dated 12.03.2025 of the Petitioners for regularization of their services before Respondent No. 1. The Petitioners were appointed as Paricharikas in the Respondent No. 3 Temple in the year 1991 without salary. From the year 2003, the Petitioners were being engaged on a contract basis. While so, a Notification was issued in the year 2013 for recruitment of Paricharikas on consolidated pay. Questioning the same, the Petitioners along with others filed W.P. No. 16285 of 2013 before this Court and the same was disposed of on 20.09.2024 directing Respondent No. 2 therein to consider the cases of the Petitioners for regularization considering their length of service. Thereafter, Respondent No. 2 vide Orders dated 18.08.2025 rejected the case of the Petitioners for regularization after referring to the Rules. Thereafter, the impugned Notification dated 18.11.2025 was issued.	

		Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that the issue of regularization of the Petitioners is an aspect to be considered by Respondent No. 1 / State Government and as the issue is pending with the Respondent, the Respondents ought not to proceed with the vacancies notified in the Notification dated 18.11.2025. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for Respondent No. 3 would submit that the Notification issued through public mode cannot be interdicted by the Petitioners as they were appointed without any selection process. The learned Assistant Government Pleader also reiterated the said facts. Heard the learned counsels. The undisputed fact is that the Petitioners are discharging their duties as Paricharikas in the Respondent Devasthanam since 1991, and their cases are pending for consideration for regularization before Respondent No. 3. Considering their length of service of more than 35 years, some decision ought to have been taken by Respondent No. 1 before proceeding with the impugned recruitment notification dated 18.11.2025, taking note of the modern law judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in (i) ***Jaggo v. Union of India, 2024 LiveLaw (SC) 1032, (ii) Shripal and Another v. Nagar Nigam, Ghaziabad, 2025 LiveLaw (SC) 153, (iii) Sukhendu Bhattacharjee v. State of Assam and others, 2026 Live Law (SC) 529, (iv) Bholanath v. State of Jharkhand and***	

		others, 2026 Live Law (SC) 95 and (v) Pawan Kumar and others v. Union of India and others, 2026 Live Law (SC) 159. Therefore, there shall be an interim direction as under: i) The Respondent No. 1 shall consider the case of the Petitioners for regularization before proceeding with the impugned Notification dated 18.11.2025 to the extent of the posts the Petitioners are aspiring to. Post on 30.11.2026 for filing Counter Affidavit by the Respondents. _____ **VN, J** eha	