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

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 31568/2026

Between:

1. NAGINENI BHAVANI, W/O. PONUGOTI RAVINDER, AGE 45 YEARS, OCC.EXECUTIVE OFFICER (U/S), R/O. FLAT NO. 306, SRI LAXMI SAI HARIVILLU, MEDASANI VENKAIAH STREET, TADIGADAPA - 521137, NTR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522237
2. THE COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, GOLLAPUDI, VIJAYAWADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT 521225

...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 toissue an appropriate Writ order or direction more particularly, one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in issuing proceedings vide Rc.No.V2/20024/14/2026-1 dated 14.03.2026 suspending the petitioner from her services as void, without jurisdiction, bad, illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of Constitution of India and violative of principles of natural justice and consequentially set aside the same by

directing the respondents to reinstate the petitioner into services and to grant all consequential service and monetary benefits

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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 suspend the operation of proceedings of the 2nd respondent issued vide Rc.No.V2/20024/14/2026-1 dated 14.03.2026

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. D V SASIDHAR

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 order of suspension, dated 14.03.2026, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner was working as the Executive Officer of Sri Parvathisametha Ramalingeswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Yenamalakuduru Village, Penumaluru Mandal, Krishna District, since 22.09.2024. While so, pursuant to an adverse news item published in the Eenadu Telugu Daily newspaper and Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily newspaper on 09.03.2026, regarding the misappropriation of an amount of Rs.10 Lakhs in the said temple, the District Endowments Officer, Krishna District, enquired into the matter and submitted a preliminary enquiry report on 10.03.2026, wherein certain lapses in the discharge of duties by the Petitioner were noticed. Taking note of the said report, the Petitioner was placed under suspension vide impugned proceedings issued in Rc.No.V2/20024/14/2026-1, dated 14.03.2026. As substantial time has elapsed and the suspension of the Petitioner is not being reviewed, the present Writ Petition came to be filed.

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services submitted that the suspension of the Petitioner would be reviewed in terms of

G.O.Ms.No.22, General Administration (Ser-C) Department, dated 29.02.2024.

4. Heard Sri D. V. Sasidhar, learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services.

5. The G.O.Ms.No.22, General Administration (Ser-C) Department, dated 29.02.2024 provides for review of suspension of Government Employees for every four months. Paragraph No.5 thereof is extracted below:-

> *"After careful examination of the matter, after reviewing the said G.Os., duly obtaining the advice of the Competent Authority and in modification of the orders issued in the G.Os. 1st to 4th read above, Government hereby direct to reduce the outer limit of suspension of Government servant from two (2) years to one (1) year from the date of suspension of the Government servant fixed in G.O.Ms.No.86, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., dt.8.3.1994 read with G.O.Ms.No.526, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., dt.19.8.2008 and G.O.Rt.No.2285, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., Dt.18.05.2012 for reinstatement of the Government servant under suspension, subject to all other conditions stipulated therein and also direct to review the order of suspension against a Government servant both in ACB and Departmental Inquiries at the end of every four (4) months instead of six (6) months fixed in G.O.Ms.No.86, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., dt.8.3.1994."*

6. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondent-Authorities are directed to review the suspension order, dated 14.03.2026 of the Petitioner in terms of G.O.Ms.No.22, General

Administration (Ser-C) Department, dated 29.02.2024, within a period of two weeks 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: 02.11.2026
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Dated: 02.11.2026

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