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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: 31904/2026

Between:

1. B, HEMAGIRI,, S/O. B. NALAPPA, AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS, OCC NAYEE BRAHMINS, SRI BOYZ.RONDA GANGAMMA DEVASTHANAM, CHOWDEOALLE MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT. R/O. MALLUVARI PALLI, PEDDAKONDAMARRI, CHOWDEPALLE MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT - 517257.

2. K. SUBRAMANYAM,, S/O K. CHINNA REDEPPA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, OCC NAYEE BRAHMINS, SRI BOYAKONDA GANGAMMA DEVASTHTNAM, CHOWDEPALLE MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT. R/O. 1-133, MELUM DODDI, PUNGANUR MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT, ERSTWHILE CHITTOOR DISTRICT-517247.

3. B. SHANMUGA BABU,, S/O.B. GOPAL, AGED ABOUT 37YEARS, OCC NAYEE BRAHMINS, SRI BOYAKONDA GANGAMMA DEVASTHE NAM, CHOWDEPALLE MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT. R/O. CHINTALA STREET, PUNGANUI MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT - 517247.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF A P, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI 522237.

2. THE COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT,

GOLLAPUDI, VIJAYAWADA, A.P. 521225.

3. THE ZONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT 518001.
4. THE DISTRICT ENDOWMENTS OFFICER, ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT, MADANAPALLI, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517325.
5. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER/ EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SRI BOYAKONDA GANGAMMA DEVATHA AMNRIAVARI TEMPLE, BOYAKONDA, CHOWDEPALLE MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517257.
6. SRI BOYAKONDA GANGAMMA DEVATHA AMMAVARI TEMPLE, REP BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BOYAKONDA, CHOWDEPALLE MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517257.

...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 a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the highhanded action on the part of the Respondents No. 6 in not considering the Petitioner's representation dated 17.03.2025 and 19.06.2026 for implementation of the G.O.Ms. No. 110, dated 13.03.2023, and the 2 nd Respondent guideline proceedings vide Rc.No.A1/11024/(46)/3/2024, dated. 29.04.2025 (sl.no.16) and Rc.No.J1/308/2023, dated 24.04.2023(SI.No.10) for paying minimum assured commission of Rs. 20,000/- per month to Nayee Bi ns, by considering the report submitted by the Respondent no.5 vide Rc.No.B1/59/2025, dated 10.05.2025 and 10.07.2025 as illegal, irregular, arbitrary, and violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of the India, and consequently direct the Respondent no. 2 to implement proceedings Rc.No.A1/11024/(46)/3/2024, dated.29.04.2025 for paying minimum assured commission of Rs.20,000/- per month to the Petitioners by considering the 5th Respondent report, in the interest of justice,

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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 direct the Respondent No.2 to allot regular tickets to the Petitioners by considering their representation and pay remunerations as per law, in the interest of justice, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. P SARASWATHI

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 the Respondent-Authorities in not considering the representations, dated 17.03.2025 and 19.06.2026, submitted by the Petitioners for implementation of G.O.Ms.No.110, dated 13.03.2023, and the guidelines issued by Respondent No.2 vide Rc.No.A1/11024/(46)/3/2024, dated 29.04.2025, and Rc.No.J1/308/2023, dated 24.04.2023, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioners are Nayee Brahmins (Barbers) who perform tonsure services at the Kalyanakatta (tonsure hall) of Respondent No.6-Devasthanam on a ticket-per-head commission basis. While so, the State Government had issued G.O.Ms.No.110, Revenue (Endowments-I) Department, dated 13.03.2023, wherein a minimum assured commission of Rs.20,000/- per month was prescribed for the commission-based and consolidated-payment-based Nayee Brahmins engaged in tonsuring activity in those temples where tonsuring activity is carried out for a minimum period of 100 days in a year.

3. Subsequently, the said amount was enhanced to Rs.25,000/- per month vide G.O.Ms.No.130, Revenue (Endowments-I) Department,

dated 24.04.2025, and a circular was also issued by the Commissioner of Endowments to that effect, for implementation of the minimum assured commission of Rs.25,000/- per month to the Nayee Brahmins who are engaged in tonsuring activity in 6(a) category temples, subject to the conditions specified in the said G.Os. It is submitted that Respondent No.6-Temple falls under the 6(a) category temples and the Petitioners meet the requirements specified in the said G.Os. for grant of the minimum assured commission of Rs.25,000/- per month. Though representations were submitted by the Petitioners on 17.03.2025 and 19.06.2026, seeking implementation of G.O.Ms.No.110, Revenue (Endowments-I) Department, dated 13.03.2023, as amended vide G.O.Ms.No.130, Revenue (Endowments-I) Department, dated 24.04.2025, the same were not being considered. Aggrieved by the same, the present Writ Petition is filed.

4. Ms. Vani, learned Standing Counsel for Endowments and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services submitted that the representations given by the Petitioners would be examined by the Respondent-Authorities and appropriate orders will be communicated to the Petitioners.

5. Heard M/s. P. Saraswathi, learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services, learned Standing Counsel for Endowments.

6. Considering the submissions, this Writ Petition is disposed of, with the following directions:-

(i) The Respondent-Authorities are directed to examine the representations given by the Petitioners and to pass appropriate orders with respect to the representations given by the Petitioners, within a period of three 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: 02.11.2026
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Dated: 02.11.2026

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