

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

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 1043 OF 2026



Between:

J Dyva Aseervadam, S/o J. Yohan, Aged about 45 years Occ: Pastor,
Trinity Lutheran Church, Guntur, R/o D.No.12-13-25, Kugler Hospital
Staff Quarters, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522001.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.522238
2. The Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC), A Society registered under the provisions of Societies Act XXI of 1860, (Regd No.2/1932), Having its Office at Post Box No.205, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522002. Represented by its Controller
3. The Administrator, The Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.522002
4. B.A.S.L. Kumar, Addl. Pastor, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam- 530017

Respondents

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 to issue a Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature

of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of Respondents Nos.2 and 3 herein in issuing proceedings No.48/App/25 dated 06.01.2026 (Served on the Petitioner on 07.01.2026) transferring the Petitioner from the Trinity Lutheran Church, Kugler Hospital Compound, Kothapet Guntur, Central Guntur Synod with effect from 17.01.2026 as being illegal, arbitrary, unjust, contrary to the AELC Constitution and violative of Articles 14, 21 and 26 of the Constitution of India and also in violation of the directions of the Division Bench of this Honble Court in W.A. No. 1033 of 2023 & batch dated 03.04.2025 and Consequently set aside the proceedings No.48/App/25 dated 06.01.2026 (Served on the Petitioner on 07.01.2026) issued by the Respondent Nos.2 and 3 herein.

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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 to suspend the operation of proceedings No.48/App/25 dated 06.01.2026 (Served on the Petitioner on 07.01.2026) issued by Respondent Nos.2 and 3, Pending disposal of WP No.1043 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the earlier order of the High Court dated. 08.01.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri N ASHWANI KUMAR, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, for the Respondent No.1, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

It is represented that Sri C. Sunil Kumar, learned counsel, filed Vakalat for the Respondent Nos. 2 and 3 and seeks time to file Counter Affidavit.

Post on 03.02.2026.

Interim order granted earlier is extended for a further period of four weeks.

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**SD/-U.SRI DEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. One CC to Sri N ASHWANI KUMAR, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to Sri. C. SUNIL KUMAR, Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
4. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

VN, J

DATED: 20.01.2026.

POST ON 03.02.2026.

ORDER

WP.No.1043 of 2026



INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED.