

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

MONDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI NATH TILHARI
AND

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBHENDU SAMANTA
WRIT PETITION Nos: 1692 OF 2026 AND 3812 OF 2026

WRIT PETITION No: 1692 OF 2026

Between:

1. T Anjaneyulu, S/o. Venkateswarlu, Occ: Senior Engineer, Aged about 45 years, R/o. Door No. 54-1-58, Railpeta, Sai Seve Ashramam, Ongole, Prakasam District, A.P.
2. Ashok Chakravarthy, S/o. Simhadrinaidu, Occ: Senior Engineer, Aged about 47 years, R/o. Railway Quarters, Quarter No.7/K, Opposite to LEF church, Kondapalli, Krishna District, A.P.
3. Madhu Kumar Kotha, S/o Ramaiah, Occ: Senior Engineer, R/o. Flat.no.303, RR Heights, 100 ft Road, Tadigadapa, Poranki, Vijayawada, state of A.P.
4. A. Kanaka Durga Rao, S/o. Subhash Reddy, Aged about 48 years, Occ: Senior Engineer, R/o. Door No. 2-2-24/A/2, D.D. Colony, Near Siri Supermarket, Bagh Amberpet, Hyd.
5. D. Dharma Rao, S/o. Sangeetha Rao, Aged about 47 years, Occ: Senior Engineer R/o. Flat No. 303, Dew Drops Apartments, Narayanaguda, Himayathanagar, Hyd.

6. Santhosh Kumar Raj, S/o. Patel Rajak, Aged about 46 years, Occ: Senior Engineer, R/o. Railway Quarter No. 25/1, Railway Colony Beside Railway Station, Mancherial,

Petitioners

AND

1. M Srinivas, S/o Suryanarayana, Aged 58 years, Occ: retired employee (31.03.2023) Asst Divisional Engineer (Bridges) (Ad-Hoc) (Group- B), o/c The Senior Divisional Engineer (Co-Ordination), South Central Railway, Vijayawada Division, Vijayawada. R/o H.No.48-1 5-22/4, Near women's college, Gandhipuram-1, Rajahmundry, East Godavari District-533101, Andhra Pradesh State.
2. K. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Pumananda, Aged 59 years, Occ: retired employee (31.01.2025) Principal (Group-B), Zonal Civil Engineering Training Institute, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, R/o Plot No.5, Sanghamitra Enclave, Kapra, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad-500062
3. Union of India, represented by The Chairman & CEO, Railway, Board, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhavan,.New Delhi.
4. The General Ministry, South Central Railway, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
5. The Principal Chief Personnel Officer, South Central Railway, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
6. The Principal Chief Engineer, South central Railway, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

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 issue a Writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Certiorari or any other appropriate Writ, order or direction calling for the records relating to the interim Order dated 28.07.2025 passed in O.A.No.841/2022 on the file of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad and to quash/set aside the interim Order dated 28.07.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad in O.A. No. 841/2022 as illegal, arbitrary, unjust and unsustainable and consequently allow the vacate petition M.A.No.387 of 2025 in O.A. No. 841/2022 filed by the writ petitioners.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 all the proceedings and operation of the Interim Order dated 28.07.2025 passed in O.A. No. 841/2022 by the Hon'ble GAT, Hyderabad, Pending disposal of WP No.1692 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 23.04.2026 & 04.05.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Bathula Raj Kiran, Advocate for the Petitioners, and of Sri K R K V Prasad, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 1 & 2, and of Sri G.Arun Showri, Central Government Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 3 to 6;

WRIT PETITION No: 3812 OF 2026

1. P K M Sastry, S/o P. Prasada Rao, aged 57 years, SSE/Drg./Vijayawada/ adhoc Asst Executive Engineer Construction organization/ S.C. Railway, Projects, D.No.24-2813-24/1 high School Road Durga Puram Vijayawada, A.P. 520003

2. Ch. Mutyala Rao, S/o aged 58 years, SSE/P.Way/ adhoc Asst. Divisional Engineer, Vijayawada Division/ S.C. Railway. R./ Quarters No. 500 west colony Rajahmundry Railway Colony, Alcot Gardens, Rajahmundry- 533101
3. K. Srinivasa Rao, S/o K. Satyam, aged 55 years, SSE/P.Way/adhoc Asst Divisional Engineer Vijayawada Division/ S.C. Railway. R/o #410 48-8-68 Garula Crest apartment, Gundala, Vijayawada 520004
4. G. Nagendra Prasad, S/o G. Panasa Ramanna aged 57 years SSE/P.Way/ Vijayawada/adhoc Asst. Divisional Engineer Vijayawada Division/ S.C. Railway, No 20-3/I-45A Gatta Rattaiah Street Ayodya Nagar, Vijayawada. 520003.

Petitioners

AND

1. Union of India, represented by The Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Rail Bhavan Railway Board, NewDelhi.01.
2. The General Manager, S.C.Railway Rail Nilayam 3rd Floor, Secunderabad- 500025
3. The Principal Chief Personnel Officer, South Central Railway, Rail Nilayam, 4th Floor Secunderabad- 500025.
4. The Principal Chief Engineer, South Central Railway, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.
5. The Registrar, Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad Bench, Hyderabad.
6. M. Srinivas, S/o Suryanarayana, Aged 58 years, Occ: Assistant Divisional Engineer (Bridges) (Ad-hoc) (Group- B), O/o The Senior Divisional Engineer (Co- ordination), South Central Railway, Vijayawada

Division, Vijayawada. R/o H.No.48-1 5-22/4, Near Women's College, Gandhipuram- 1, Rajahmundry, East Godavari District -- 533101, A. P.

7. K. Srinivasa Rao, S/o pumananda, Aged 59 years, Occ: Principal (Group-B), Zonal Civil Engineering Training institute, O/o The Principal Chief Engineer, Rail Nilayam, South Central Railway, Secunderabad. R./o Plot No.5, Sanghamitra Enclave, Kapra, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad-500062.

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 on in the nature of Writ of Certiorari or any other appropriate Writ, order or direction calling for the records relating to the Interim order dated 28.07.2025 passed in OA No.841 of 2022 on the file of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad Bench and to quash/set aside the ad-interim order date 28.07.2025 as illegal, arbitrary and unjust and consequently allow the vacate stay petition No.11 of 2026 In OA No.841 of 2022 filed by the petitioners.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 all the proceedings and operation of the ad interim Order dated 28.07.2025 passed in OA No.841 of 2022 by the Tribunal /Hyderabad, Pending disposal of WP No.3812 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 direct the Tribunal, to adjudicate at the earliest, in view of the latest

proceedings of the Hon'ble Tribunal in placing the OA No.841 of 2022 under "SINEDIE" which is nothing but a burial the OA No.841 i.e denying the legitimate rights of the candidates who are in the Zone of consideration for the promotion of the Assistant Executive Engineer post as per the notification dated 15.07.2022, as the bifurcation of a certain portion of South Central Railway is going to merge into South Coast Railway from 01.04.2026 and petitioner is going retire shortly and it is high time to render justice to the candidates who are within the Zone of consideration, Pending disposal of WP No.3812 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 23.04.2026 & 04.05.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Nehemiah Perike, Advocate for the Petitioners, and of Sri Narasimha Rao Gudisdeva, Central Government Counsel for Respondent Nos. 1 to 4, and of Sri K R K V Prasad, Advocate for Respondent Nos. 6 & 7, the Court made the following;

COMMON ORDER:

Objection with respect to the territorial jurisdiction of this Court to entertain these writ petitions has been raised.

2. Learned counsel for the writ petitioners submits that the writ petitioners are residents of the territorial jurisdiction of this Court.

3. The writ petitioners have filed these writ petitions challenging the interim order dated 28.07.2025 passed in O.A. No.841 of 2022 on the file of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad (Telangana).

4. By the said interim order, the respondents therein were directed to make sure that all necessary exercises shall be completed before the next date of hearing. In the meantime, further selection pursuant to Notification dated 15.07.2022 was stayed till the next date of hearing.

5. O.A. No.841 of 2022 was filed by respondent Nos.1 and 2 herein and is pending before the Tribunal.

6. The present petitioners were not arrayed as parties to the said O.A. However, being aggrieved and contending that the interim order directly affects their rights and interests, they filed M.A. Nos.386 and 387 of 2025 seeking impleadment as parties to the O.A. and also vacation of the interim order dated 28.07.2025. A counter was filed in the impleadment application, but no counter in the vacate stay application.

7. The Tribunal allowed the impleadment application. However, the application seeking vacation of the interim order was rejected by order dated 08.01.2026.

8. On 23.04.2026, a Co-ordinate Bench passed the following interim order :

"At request of learned counsel for unofficial respondents, list these matters on 30.04.2026.

There shall be interim suspension of the order dated 28.07.2025 of Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad, passed in O.A.No.841 of 2022, till the next date of hearing."

9. Sri K.R.K.V. Prasad, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2 through virtual mode, has raised a preliminary objection that the order dated 08.01.2026 rejecting the application for vacation of the interim order has not been challenged in the writ petitions and, therefore, no interim relief could be granted in these proceedings.

10. Sri B. Raj Kiran, learned counsel for the writ petitioners, submits that the order dated 08.01.2026 has been referred to in paragraph No.11 of the writ petitions. He further submits that paragraph No.10 specifically states that the petitioners were not parties before the Tribunal. According to him, while the Tribunal allowed the impleadment application, it rejected the application for vacation of the interim order

by order dated 08.01.2026 without assigning any reasons and consequently the Co-ordinate Bench rightly passed the interim order in the present writ petitions.

11. He, however, prays for time to take appropriate steps to amend the prayer to challenge the order dated 08.01.2026 as well.

12. List on 06.07.2026.

13. Interim order granted earlier is extended till the next date of hearing.

14. The objection with respect to the territorial jurisdiction of this Court is kept open to be considered on the next date of hearing.

SD/- L.MANJULA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. One CC to Sri Bathula Raj Kiran, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to Sri K R K V Prasad, Advocate [OPUC]
3. One CC to Sri G Arun Showri, Central Government Counsel [OPUC]
4. Two spare copies

HIGH COURT

RNT,J

&

SS,J

DATED: 22/06/2026

LIST ON 06.07.2026

ORDER

WRIT PETITION NO: 1692 OF 2026 AND 3812 OF 2026



INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED