



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

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MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 9243/2026

Between:

1. T LAKSHMI, D/O SURYA RAMAM LATE, AGED 46 YEARS, OCC
HEALTH EDUCATOR G PHC MADHURAWADA,
VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPT,
SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF FAMILY WELFARE, STATE OF A.P.,
MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. S.
3. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE,
STATE OF AP, ELURU ROAD, CHUTTUGUNTA, VIJAYAWADA.
4. THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH
SERVICES, ZONE-I, VISAKHAPATNAM

...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 to issue a Writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, by declaring the action of the respondents herein more particularly the 4th respondent in re-posting the petitioner

from present working place i.e PHC, Madhurawada PHC Thallapalem of Anakapally District, vide issued vide Rc.No.480/B1/2026, dated Visakhapatnam District to impugned Redeployment orders highly illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the posting orders Health Educator at PHC Madhurawada vide 23-3-2026 as issued on promotion as Rc.No.480/B1/2025 petitioner herein is not even completed 4 months service at present working set aside the dated 9-12-2025 by the 4th respondent and now the Honble court may please to therefor station impugned redeployment order dated 23-3-2026 and declaring that the petitioner herein is also entitled to Madhurawada. of Visakhapatnam or orders may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case. continue as Health Educator at PHC district and may pass such other order

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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 impugned Redeployment orders issued vide Rc.No.480/ BI/2026, dated 23-3-2026 by the 4th respondent petitioner at PHC, Madhurawada and continue the of Visakhapatnam district, pending disposal of the writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. M R TAGORE

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following ORDER:

1. This Writ Petition is filed seeking to declare the action of the respondents, more particularly the 4th respondent, in re-posting the petitioner from her present working place, i.e., PHC, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam District, to PHC Thallapalem, Anakapalli District, vide impugned redeployment orders dated 23.03.2026 as highly illegal and arbitrary.
2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for the respondents.
3. The case of the petitioner is that she was initially appointed as MPHA (F) on 18.08.2009 in Visakhapatnam District and was posted at PHC Devarapally. Subsequently, she was promoted as Health Educator vide proceedings dated 09.12.2025 and posted at PHC, Madhurawada, in a clear vacancy. She joined the said post on 10.12.2025 and, thereafter, shifted her family to Visakhapatnam. Her husband is working as a VRO in the Revenue Department at Visakhapatnam, and her son is undergoing treatment for a head injury there. While so, within a short span of four months, the 4th respondent issued the impugned redeployment orders dated 23.03.2026, transferring the petitioner from PHC Madhurawada to PHC Thallapalem, Anakapalli District, which is more than 120 km away, without any valid reason or change in circumstances. The said action is

arbitrary and contrary to the earlier promotion and posting orders dated 09.12.2025.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned proceedings are contrary to the general instructions issued by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.23, dated 15.05.2025. The petitioner is entitled to continue for a minimum tenure in accordance with the transfer policy. He further submits that the petitioner submitted a representation dated 31.03.2026 requesting her continuation at PHC Madhurawada or, in the alternative, her posting at PHC Sontyam, where the post has been vacant since 2023. However, the said representation has not been considered. Hence, the present writ petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Government Pleader for the respondents furnished written instructions dated 13.03.2026 issued by the Regional Director, Medical and Health Services, Visakhapatnam. According to the said instructions, even prior to consideration of the petitioner's case for posting at PHC Madhurawada, proposals had already been sent for surrendering the said post to PHC Thallapalem, Anakapalli District. It is further stated that, after posting the petitioner, the said proposals were approved by the 3rd respondent. Therefore, on administrative grounds, the petitioner was redeployed, and the impugned order was issued in accordance with the guidelines contained in G.O.Ms.No.143 dated 17.11.2021. It is also contended that the

respondents have the authority to rationalize posts based on requirements, and accordingly, the impugned order is in conformity with the rules.

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the case of the petitioner was considered under the spouse category and she was posted at PHC Madhurawada. If proposals had already been sent for redeployment of the said post, the respondents ought not to have considered and posted the petitioner in the said post at the time of effecting promotion vide proceedings dated 09.12.2025. It has also been brought to the notice of this Court by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner had submitted a representation dated 31.03.2026, bringing to the notice of the authorities the availability of vacancies in PHCs within Visakhapatnam District.

7. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the 2nd respondent to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 31.03.2026, and, if any vacancy is available nearby or within Visakhapatnam District, the same shall be considered and appropriate orders shall be passed within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in the writ petition shall stand closed.

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