

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH**

WRIT PETITION NO: 3611 OF 2026



Between:

1. Gurijala Aruna Kumari, W/o Ummadi Rameswara Reddy, Aged 47 Years, Occ. Hostel Welfare Department (Grade-II), Government BC College Girls Hostel, Ananthapur (Rural), R/o 7-5-a, Sanapa, Atmakur, Ananthapuramu, Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh- 515751.
2. T.Adi Lakshmi, W/o P.Ravi Kumar, Aged 44 Years, Occ.Hostel Welfare Department (Grade-II), Government BC College Girls Hostel, Ananthapuram (Urban) R/o 9a-451, Gareeb Nagar, Opp Government Hospital, Kalyana Durgam, Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh-515671.
3. Kukkala Padmavathi, W/o Gurram Bhanu Kumar, Aged 54 Years, Occ. Hostel Welfare Department (Grade-II), Government BC College Girls Hostel, Ananthapuram (Urban), R/o 4-2-352-9, 6th Road, George Peta, Ananthapuram, Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh- 515001.
4. Bestha Gaddam Pushpalatha, W/o Bestha Naga Muneppa, Aged 47 Years, Occ.Hostel Welfare Department (Grade-II), Government BC College Girls Hostel, Narpala, R/o 28-5-482, MIG-366, Housing Board Colony, Park Road, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh - 515001.
5. G.Arunamma @ Y.Arunamma, W/o Y.Mallikarjuna, Aged 40 years, Occ. Hostel Welfare Department (Grade-II), Government BC College Girls

Hostel, Uravakonda R/o. 1-89, Narsim Palli, Tadimarri, Ananthapur,
Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh - 515661.

6. Kondakamarla Sujatha, D/o Late.K.Narayana, Aged 52 years, Occ,
Hostel Welfare Department (Grade-II), Government BC College Girls
Hostel, Ananthapur Rural R/o D.No.206, 2nd Floor, Adilakshrni
Apartment, Vinnies Cakes Back Side, Arvind Nagar, 1st Cross,
Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary
Department of BC Welfare, Secretariat, Velagapudi Village, Guntur
District.
2. The Director, BC Welfare, Andhra Pradesh Vijayawada, Krishna District
3. The District BC Welfare and Empowerment Officer, Ananthapur District,
Ananthapur.
4. The District Collector and Magistrate, Ananthapur District, Ananthapur

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the case of the Petitioners, working as Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade II), to the promotional post of Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade I) despite being eligible and effecting promotions to the candidates who are much more juniors to the Petitioners as totally illegal, arbitrary, high handed, violative of Articles 14 and 16 of Constitution of India and consequently to direct the Respondents to consider the case of the Petitioners

to the post of Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade I) in Ananthapur District before promoting any other juniors appointed after the Petitioners in the post of Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade II).

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to stay all promotions to the post of Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade I) in Ananthapur District, Pending disposal of WP 3611 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 upon hearing the arguments of Sri ARUN SHOWRI G Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR SERVICES II for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for respondents.

The present Writ Petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in not considering the case of the petitioners, who are working as Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade-II), for promotion to the post of Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade-I), despite their eligibility, and in effecting promotions in favour of candidates who are much junior to the petitioners, is illegal and arbitrary.

The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, in similar circumstances, this Court, in W.P. No. 27057 of 2025, granted an interim order dated 06.10.2025. In view of the same and following the principle of parity, this Court is inclined to pass a similar interim order.

Accordingly, there shall be a stay of all promotions to the post of Hostel Welfare Officers (Grade-I) in Ananthapur District, and the respondent

authorities are directed not to effect any promotions till specific guidelines are framed and/or necessary amendments to the relevant rules are effected.

Post the matter after four (04) weeks.

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SD/- B.PRASAD RAO
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Principal Secretary Department of BC Welfare, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi Village, Guntur District. [By Special Messenger]
2. The Director, BC Welfare, Andhra Pradesh Vijayawada, Krishna District
3. The District BC Welfare and Empowerment Officer, Ananthapur District, Ananthapur.
4. The District Collector and Magistrate, Ananthapur District, Ananthapur (2 to 4 by RPAD)
5. One CC to SRI. ARUN SHOWRI G Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR,J

DATED:10/02/2026

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