

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

MAIN CASE No.C.R.P.No.539 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl.No.	DATE	ORDER	Office Note
03.	07.03.2026	<u>RRR, J</u> Heard Sri M Pitchaiah, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri Aravala Rama Rao, learned Standing Counsel for APSRTC, appearing for the respondents. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that even if the employees of Ms.APSRTC Ltd. have been absorbed into the Public Transport Department of the State of Andhra Pradesh, the jurisdiction of the Labour Court-cum-Industrial Tribunal would not be ousted, under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The learned counsel would contend that various provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, including Section 2 (a), Section 2 (g) and Section 9 (a) read in conjunction with the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board vs. A. Rajappa (AIR 1978 SC 969), would make it amply clear that even the employees of the Government, who are	

		employed in an undertaking, run by the Government, would fall within the ambit of the Industrial Disputes Act. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for APSRTC, would contend that the absorption of the employees of APSRTC into the Public Transport Department, in view of APSRTC (Absorption of employees into Govt. servants) Act, 2019 r/w G.O.Ms.No.52, dated 31.12.2019 and the notification of the Executive Director (A) of APSRTC, the provision on the Industrial Disputes Act would not apply. The learned Standing Counsel seeks time to file a counter affidavit on the manner in which the salaries of the erstwhile employees of APSRTC, are being paid and whether there is any reimbursement of payment of such salaries by APSRTC to the Government. Post on 13.03.2026, on top of the list. RRR, J MJA	
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