

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

WEDNESDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 3998 OF 2026



Between:

Sunkara Bulli Babu, S/o S. Konda Babu, Aged 48 years, Occ. Assistant Director of Agriculture O/o District Resource Center, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh. ✓

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Agriculture & Cooperation Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District -522 238 ✓
2. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Chuttugunta, Nallapadu, Guntur, Guntur District - 522 004 ✓
3. A. Prabhakara Reddy, S/o and age not known to the petitioner Occ. Assistant Director of Agriculture O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Pulivendula, YSR Kadapa District Andhra Pradesh -516 391 ✓

...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 a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents 1 and 2 in insisting the petitioner for production of SADAREM certificate which is not required to consider his case for promotion to the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture against Roster Point No. 6 (VH Category) in the ensuing promotions for the panel year 2025-26 though he is senior in the

feeder category of Assistant Director of Agriculture is illegal, arbitrary, unjust, violative of Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India and also contrary to para (4) of GO Ms. No. 36 Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled AND Senior Citizens (Prog.II) dated 23-08-2023 and consequently direct the respondents to issue promotion in favour of the petitioner as Deputy Director of Agriculture against Roster Point No. 6 (VH Category) in the ensuing promotions basing on his seniority and also by taking in to consideration of the certificate dated 16-07-2003 issued by Superintendent, Government Regional Eye Hospital, Visakhapatnam;

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 1 and 2 not to proceed with the Departmental Promotion Committee and also not to fill up the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture against Roster Point No. 6 (VH Category) in the ensuing promotions for the panel year 2025-26, Pending disposal of WP 3998 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 1 and 2 to consider the case of petitioner for promotion to the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture against Roster Point No. 6 (VH Category) in the ensuing promotions for the panel year 2025-26 without insisting the copy of SADAREM certificate, Pending disposal of WP 3998 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 Smt. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR SERVICES II for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner and the 3rd respondent were appointed as Agriculture Officers under VH categories in the year 2005 and 2012 respectively based on the disability certificates and that now they are eligible for promotions. Though the petitioner was appointed in 2005 initially, the 3rd respondent was appointed in 2012 and eligible for promotion in 2019 only. To benefit the 3rd respondent, the 2nd respondent has issued a memo on 20.01.2026 directing the petitioner as well as the 3rd respondent to produce SADAREM Certificate for effecting the promotions. ✓

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is no such requirement to produce the certificates at the time of effecting promotions, when there is no dispute with regard to the appointment of the petitioner as well as the 3rd respondent on the physically handicapped quota (Visual). In memo only with a malafide intention to favour the 3rd respondent, it was mentioned. ✓

3. Learned Government Pleader has placed the instructions as submitted by the 2nd respondent. As per the said instructions, it is submitted that after submitting the proposals to A & C (Agri.) Department, it was orally instructed to get the SADAREM Certificate and accordingly the memo has been issued on 20.01.2026. ✓

4. A perusal of the instructions and also the submissions of the learned counsel, the instructions are silent about under which provision of law or regulations, the said SADAREM Certificate is required to be submitted at the time of the promotion and even according to the instructions they have issued on the oral instructions of the 1st respondent-Principal Secretary. ✓

5. Considering the same, there shall be a direction to the respondents 1 and 2 to consider the case of the petitioner as well as the unofficial-3rd respondent without insisting SADAREM Certificate as per the memo dated 20.01.2026, based on the seniority and other eligibilities. ✓

If any of such promotions are given subject to the result of the present writ petition. ✓

6. Post after four weeks. ✓

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to the 3rd respondent by R.P.A.D and file proof of service. ✓

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SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Agriculture & Cooperation Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District -522 238 (by **Special Messenger**)
2. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Chuttugunta, Nallapadu, Guntur, Guntur District - 522 004
3. A. Prabhakara Reddy, S/o and age not known to the petitioner
Occ.Assistant Director of Agriculture, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Pulivendula, YSR Kadapa District Andhra Pradesh -516 391 (addressee 2 and 3 by **RPAD**)
4. One CC to M/s KAVITHA GOTTIPATI Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR,J

DATED:11/02/2026

POST AFTER FOUR WEEKS

ORDER

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INTERIM DIRECTION

