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

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THURSDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 4166/2026

Between:

1.A LAKSHNASWAMY, S/O MOHANA RAO, AGE 49 YEARS,
PRESENTLY WORKING AS AN TOWN PLANNING
SUPERVISOR, AT GUNTUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ON
OD AT PALANADU URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
NARASARAOPETA.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT (VIG-I) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT
BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMRAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2.THE DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING,
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR, MUNICIPAL
ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, MGM
CAPITAL, GROUND FLOOR, NRI HOSPITAL, JUNCTION,
MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, AMRAVATI.

...RESPONDENT(S):

This Court made the following ORDER:

1. This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India by the Petitioners for the following relief:

“to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature in WRIT of MANDAMUS aggrieved by the action of the Respondent in not considering Petitioners case for promotion for the post of at 2nd Respondent Directorate of Town Country Planning which is highly illegal, unjust, arbitrary and contrary to law and violations of Principles of Natural Justice and contrary Articles 14, 16 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the 2nd Respondent to forthwith consider Petitioners case for promotion to next level cadre post of Town Planning Officer as per GO Ms No 257 General Administration (SER.C) Director Dated 10.6.1999 and as per law without referring the pending Departmental proceedings vide G.O.Rt.No 496 Dated 07.08.2023 G.O.Rt.No 32 Dated 08.01.2024 of Respondent Municipal Administration Urban Development (Vig-II) Department and to pass

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for the respondents.

3. The case of the petitioner is that the respondent authorities have failed to consider his case for promotion to the post of Town Planning Officer in the Directorate of Town and Country Planning under the 2nd respondent, on the ground of pendency of departmental proceedings

initiated vide G.O.Rt.No.496 dated 07.08.2023 and G.O.Rt.No.32 dated 08.01.2024 issued by the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (Vig-II) Department. Subsequently, the 1st respondent issued G.O.Rt.No.957, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (Vig.III) Department, dated 16.09.2025, initiating departmental proceedings against the petitioner, which are still pending.

4. At the time of hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioner confined his submissions to a limited prayer, seeking a direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 10.06.1999.

5. The learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, on instructions, submitted that the respondents would consider the case of the petitioner, if he falls within the zone of consideration, subject to his fulfilling all the conditions prescribed under the said G.O.

6. Given the facts and circumstances of the case, and without going into the merits of the matter, the Writ Petition is disposed of at the stage of admission with the consent of both the learned counsel, directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Town Planning Officer strictly in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.257,

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General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 10.06.1999, if the petitioner is within the zone of consideration, whenever the DPC is conducted. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, interlocutory applications if any pending, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE D. RAMESH

Dt:12.02.2026

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