



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

[3329]

MONDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 4366/2026

Between:

S Pushpavathi

...PETITIONER

AND

The State Of Ap and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. PAMARTHI KAMESWARA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

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INTERIM ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Aravala Rama Rao, learned Standing Counsel for APSRTC appearing for the respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

2. Impugning the proceedings issued by respondent No.3 vide No.P1/114(01)/2026-RCTY, dated 13.01.2026, whereby suspending the petitioner, pending inquiry, the above writ petition is filed.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that suspending the petitioner, pending inquiry, is contrary to the Circular No.PD 01/2019, dated 01.01.2019. Learned counsel placed reliance upon the Clause 10.5 in the Circular.

4. Clause 10.5 of the Circular speaks about Manhandling/Assault. The punishment prescribed in the said Clause, reads as follows:

“Reversion to lower cadre following Domestic Enquiry. If reversion is not possible, award Major-2 punishment duly following stipulated procedure. Suspension not warranted.”

5. Prima-facie, this Court is of the opinion that the proceeding impugned in the writ petition violates Clause 10.5 of the aforementioned Circular.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the proceedings issued by respondent No.3 vide No.P1/114(01)/2026-RCTY,

dated 13.01.2026, are hereby suspended. However, this order will not preclude the respondent authorities to proceed as per the Rules.

7. For filing counter, list the matter after four (04) weeks.

VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA,J

Dated: 16.02.2026
BSP