

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

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

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA
WRIT PETITION NO: 4366 OF 2026**



Between:

S Pushpavathi, W/o R. Ravishankar Aged about 52 years, Occ Dy. Superintendnet (Trafic), Staff.No. E-411251, O/o. the Depot Manager, APSRTC, Rayachoty, Annamaiah District. R/o. Rayachoty.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State Of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Transport and Roads and Building Department, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District-522237
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Rep. by its Managing Director cum Vice-chairman, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada, N.T.R. District.520001
3. The Depot Manager, APSRTC, Rayachoty Depot, Annamayya District. 516127

...Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue writ or order more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents 2 and 3 more particularly respondent No.3 suspended the petitioner vide proceedings in No.P1/114(01)/2026-RCTY. dated 13.01.2026 in violation of Serial No. 10.5 of Annexure- II of the circular No. PD 01/2019, dated 01.01.2019, Violative of principles of natural justice, and accordingly set aside the suspension order vide No.P1/114(01)/2026-RCTY. dated 13.01.2026 and impugned Charge Sheet vide No.P1/114(01)/2026-RCTY. dated 13.01.2026 issued by the 3rd respondent and consequently to direct the respondents 2 and 3 to reinstate the

petitioner in service along with all consequential benefits etc., including the salary and continuity of service from the suspension period with all monitory benefits.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend the Suspension orders of the 3rd respondent vide proceedings vide No.P1/114(01)/2026-RCTY. dated: 13.01.2026 by reinstate the petitioner into service as Dy. Superintendent (Traffic), Rayachoty Depot, Pending disposal of WP 4366 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. Pamarthi Kameswara Rao Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Transport for Respondent No.1, Sri. A. Rama Rao, Standing Counsel for Respondent Nos. 2 & 3 and the Court made the following.

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.

Sd/- K.V.RAGHAVULU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State Of Andhra Pradesh, Transport and Roads and Building Department, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District-522237 (by spl. messenger)
2. The Managing Director cum Vice-chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada, N.T.R. District.520001
3. The Depot Manager, APSRTC, Rayachoty Depot, Annamayya District. 516127 (2 & 3 by RPAD)
4. One CC to Sri. Pamarthi Kameswara Rao Advocate [OPUC]
5. One CC to Sri. A. Rama Rao, Standing Counsel Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP for Transport, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

NV,J

DATED:16/02/2026

FOR FILING COUNTER, LIST THE MATTER AFTER FOUR (04) WEEKS

ORDER

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SUSPENSION

