

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

**TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

: PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH
WRIT PETITION NO: 4561 OF 2026**



Between:

1. P. Bangaramma, W/o. Gavarayya, Aged about 58 years, Occupation: CDPO (Contract), ICDS Project, R/o. Komarada Village and Mandal, Parvathipuram (Manyam) District - 535521.
2. Y. Ramalakshmi, D/o. Swamy Naidu, Aged about 58 years, Occupation: CDPO (Contract), ICDS Project, R/o. Kurupam Village and Mandal, Parvathipuram (Manyam) District - 535524.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District- 522261
2. The Director of Women & Child Welfare, Department Women Development and Child Welfare Government of Andhra Pradesh, Jampani Towers, Guntur, Guntur District- 522238.
3. The Joint Director of Women & Child Welfare, Department Women Development and Child Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Jampani Towers, Guntur, Guntur District- 522238.
4. The Regional Joint Director, Department Women Development & Child Welfare, Visakhapatnam Region, Visakhapatnam District- 531116

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 a writ. order or direction more particularly one in the Nature of Writ of Mandamus to declare that the contract employees/ petitioners would fall under the definition of "Government Employee" and are governed under Act 23 of 1984 as amended from time to time and thereby the petitioners are

entitled to continue in service till attaining the age of 62 years on par with regular Government Employees, which is in tune with the language, spirit and object of Act 23 of 1984 and consequently direct the respondents to continue the petitioners till they attain the age of 62 years on par with regular employees under Act 23 of 1984 with all consequential benefits and attendant benefits or in alternate to direct the respondents to continue the petitioners upto the age of 60 years on par with others/ Part Time Junior Lecturers working in Government Junior Colleges, who are similarly placed like the petitioners by holding the action of the respondents in not doing so and contemplating to retire the petitioners from service by not extending the further contract, solely on the ground that the petitioners attained 58 years of age as meted out to the colleagues of the petitioners further leading to denial of their claim for regularization in view of the language used in G.O.Ms.No.114 dated 21.10.2023 as bad, irrational, illegal, unfair, arbitrary, discriminatory contrary to the spirit and object of Act 28 of 1984 as amended from time to time, unconstitutional by issuance of and pass such other order or orders as the Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the petitioners beyond attaining the age of 58 years, Pending disposal of WP 4561 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 J SUDHEER, Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR WOMEN & CHILD WELFARE for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3, the Court made the following

ORDER:

“Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners.

Considering the submissions, there shall be a direction to the respondents to continue the petitioners in service till they attain the age of 62 years.

List the matter after four (4) weeks for filing counter."

SD/- T. SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District- 522261, State of Andhra Pradesh (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Director of Women & Child Welfare, Department Women Development and Child Welfare Government of Andhra Pradesh, Jampani Towers, Guntur, Guntur District- 522238.
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4. The Regional Joint Director, Department Women Development & Child Welfare, Visakhapatnam Region, Visakhapatnam District- 531116 (Addressee Nos.2 to 4 by RPAD)
5. One CC to SRI. J SUDHEER Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR GP FOR WOMEN & CHILD WELFARE, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

DR,J

DATED:17/02/2026

ORDER

WP.No.4561 of 2026

INTERIM DIRECTION

