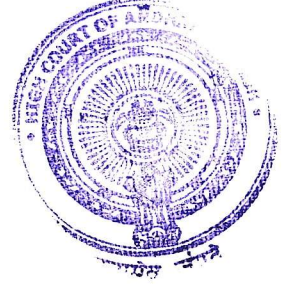


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH
WRIT PETITION NO: 4741 OF 2026



Between:

Smt. Bolli Geetha Rani,, W/o Thokala Murali, Aged 58 years, Deputy Director, Sericulture Department, Kakinada R/o 19-3-2/3/G, Srinivasapuram, Renigunta Road, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh-517501.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Special Chief Secretary to Government Agriculture and Cooperation (H and S) Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Director of Horticulture and Sericulture (H and S), Beside Mini Rythu Bazar, Guntur - 522 004.

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 proceedings issued by the 2nd respondent vide Rc. No. 1700/2025- Estt I, dated 16.02.2026 as confirmed by the 1st respondent through G.O.Rt. No. 110, dated 16.02.2026 as highly illegal, vindictive in nature, arbitrary, unconstitutional, and without jurisdiction, besides being violative of the principles of natural justice and consequently, set aside the same as null and void.

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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 stay the operation and all further proceedings pursuant to the proceedings issued by the 2nd respondent vide Rc. No. 1700/2025- Estt I, dated 16.02.2026 as confirmed by the 1st respondent through G.O.Rt. No. 110, dated: 16.02.2026 and permit the petitioner to continue at her present station, and Pending disposal of WP 4741 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of ARRABOLU SAI NAVEEN Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Agriculture Respondent No.1, and the Court made the following.

ORDER

"Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner has contended that the impugned proceedings dated 16.02.2026 are vindictive in nature and only to circumvent the order of this Court in W.P.No.34921 of 2025. Infact in the earlier occasion when the District Collector surrendered the petitioner on 10.12.2025, the said proceedings were assailed before this Court in W.P.No.3492 of 2025. This Court has passed the following order:

"5. Having regard to the same, the proceedings of the 3rd respondent-Collector observing that the services of the petitioner as Deputy Director, Sericulture are no longer required by the Collector and on the said pretext, surrendering the petitioner to the Government is without jurisdiction. Inasmuch as, the Collector is not the appointing authority and further the same is without any reasons. Thus, sought for set-aside of the impugned proceedings. The matter requires further consideration after filing of the respective counter-affidavits."

2. Only to circumvent and nullify the above said orders, now the impugned orders have been passed. Learned senior counsel submit that the impugned orders are passed while in existence of ban of transfers by granting special relaxation, the impugned orders have been passed. That itself shows that the orders are only to nullify the interims orders passed by this Court.

3. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, there shall be stay of the impugned proceedings Rc.No.1700/2025- estt- I, dated 16.02.2026 for a period of two weeks.
4. List after two weeks for filing counter.'s

Sd/-U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Special Chief Secretary to Government Agriculture and Cooperation (H and S) Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District. (By Special Messenger - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. The Director of Horticulture and Sericulture (H and S), Beside Mini Rythu Bazar, Guntur - 522 004. (By RPAD)
3. One CC to SRI. ARRABOLU SAI NAVEEN Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR AGRICULTURE, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh.
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5. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR,J

DATED: 18/02/2026

LIST AFTER TWO WEEKS FOR FILING COUNTER

ORDER

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