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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MONDAY ,THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 6197 OF 2026

Between:

Vallepu Srinvasulu, S/o. Kullayappa, R/o. 1-1-188, Gopi Vihar Street,
Pulivendula, Kadapa District - 516390.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (PR AND RD) A.P. Secretariat, Amaravathi Capital City, Velagapudi Post, Thulluru Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh,, Represented by its Special Chief Secretary, Department of Finance and Planning, A.P.Secretariat, Amaravathi Capital City, Velagapudi Post, Thulluru Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh..522237
3. Engineer-in-Chief,, Rural Water Supply AND Sanitation (RWS AND S) Division, 5TH Floor, C-Block, Vasudha Shelters, Sai Puram Colony, Gollapudi, Vijayawada - 521225.

4. The Superintending Engineer,, Rural Water Supply AND Sanitation (RWS AND S) Division, Zilla Parishad Compound, Railway Station Road, Kadapa - 516001
5. The Executive Engineer,, Rural Water Supply AND Sanitation Division, Opposite Government High School, Ahobilapuram, Besides Veterinary Hospital, Pulivendula, Kadapa District- 516390

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 any writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS, declaring the action of the respondents more particularly respondent No.5 in retiring the petitioner from service, on completion of 60 years of superannuation age instead of 62 years as arbitrary and violative of Article 14, 16 and 21 of Constitution of India and A.P. Act No.4 of 2022 and consequently direct the respondents to continue the petitioner with all consequential and attendant benefits and grant costs of the proceedings

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 direct the respondents to continue the petitioner in service pending hearing in the main writ petition till the superannuation age of 62 years

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri M PITCHAIAH Advocate for the Petitioner(s), GP FOR Panchayat Raj for

respondent Nos. 1, 3 to 5, GP for FINANCE for respondent No. 2, and the Court made the following.

ORDER

The learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj takes notice for the respondent Nos.1 3 to 5 and the learned Government Pleader for Finance takes notice for the respondent No.4.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

This Writ Petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the respondents, more particularly Respondent No.5, in retiring the petitioner from service on attaining the age of 60 years, instead of permitting him to continue in service up to the age of superannuation of 62 years, which is alleged to be illegal and arbitrary.

Considering the averments made in the affidavit, there shall be a direction to the respondents to continue the petitioner in service until he attains the age of superannuation of 62 years or until further orders of this Court. However, it is made clear that this order shall not preclude the respondent authorities from taking action in accordance with the applicable service rules, in the event the petitioner is involved in any disciplinary proceedings.

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

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SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of A.P., Department of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (PR AND RD) A.P. Secretariat, Amaravathi

Capital City, Velagapudi Post, Thulluru Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

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6. One CC to SRI. M PITCHAIAH Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR FINANCE ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED:20/04/2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

