



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

[3331]

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 6618/2026

Between:

1. CHETTU BHASKARA RAO,, S/O LATE SURYANARAYANA, AGED 69 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURE COOLIE, R/O D.NO 1-80, PEDDA VEEDHI, MIRIYAPALLI VILLAGE, LN PETA MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT - 532458.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522 238
2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERP, SOCIETY FOR ELIMINATION OF RURAL POVERTY, DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, 2ND FLOOR, NTR ADMINITRATIVE BLOCK, PNBS, VIJAYAWADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT - 520001.
3. THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, (DRDA), COLLECTORATE, SRIKAKULAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT - 532001.

4.MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, LN PETA MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT - 532458.

5.MIRIYAPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP. BY ITS PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, MIRIYAPALLI VILLAGE, LN PETA MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT - 532458.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 declaring the action of the respondents in not continuing to pay the Old Age Pension (Social Security Pension) to the Petitioner every month and also not paying the arrears of said social security pension to the petitioner since April 2022 as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to G.O.Ms.No.174, dt. 13.12.2019, G.O.Ms.No.43, dt. 13.06.2024 and offends Articles 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release and pay the arrears of Old Age Pensions to the petitioner pending since April 2022 and also continue to pay the said social security pension to the petitioner every month regularly

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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 direct the respondents to continue to pay the Old Age Pension (Social Security Pension) to the petitioner every month regularly, pending disposal of the main writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.SRINIVAS AMBATI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

2.HARI BABU MAGULURI SC For SERP

The Court made the following:

:ORDER:

Heard Sri Srinivas Ambati, learned counsel for the petitioner; Sri P. Rajesh Kumar, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development for respondent No.1; Sri M. Hari Babu, learned standing counsel for respondents 2 and 3, and Sri Chaitanya, learned counsel representing

Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, learned standing counsel for respondents 4 and 5.

2. The above writ petition was filed to declare the action of respondents 2 and 3 in not releasing old age pension (Social Security Pension) to the petitioner in terms of G.O.Ms No. 174 dated 13.12.2019 and G.O.Ms.No. 43 dated 13.06.2024, since April 2022, as illegal and arbitrary.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was granted a social security pension in February 2022, and he was paid the pension for February and March, 2022. Thereafter, the pension was not released. Though the petitioner is entitled to the pension in terms of G.O.Ms.No.174 dated 13.12.2019, respondents 2 and 3 failed to release the pension.

4. Learned counsel for respondents submitted the written instructions furnished by respondents 3 and 4.

5. A perusal of the instructions would disclose that the petitioner's pension was stopped due to the mapping of his daughter as a family member. Thereafter, the petitioner's daughter's name was removed from the mapping after her marriage was performed. Thereafter, the petitioner made a fresh application, and Sachivalayam Welfare and Education Assistant uploaded the

application. However, since the petitioner's wife has been working as an assistant Anganwadi worker, her name was mapped with the petitioner. Hence, an endorsement i.e. 'household member were govt employee' was displayed. As per the work certificate annexed to the instructions furnished by the Project Director, DRDA, Srikakulam, the petitioner's wife is drawing ₹ 11,500/- per month honorarium.

6. Learned standing counsel would submit that the petitioner has to make an application to the Project Director, respondent No.3, if the petitioner is aggrieved by the endorsement referred to supra.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in reply, would submit that the petitioner will make a fresh application to respondent No. 3 against the endorsement.

8. Given the facts and circumstances of the case, without touching the merits of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage with the consent of learned counsel on either side, giving liberty to the petitioner to make an application to respondent No. 3 within 3 weeks from receipt of a copy of this order. If the petitioner makes such an application, the learned Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), shall consider the same strictly as per the rules within 6 weeks thereafter and communicate the result to the petitioner. No costs.

As a sequel, pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

Date: 23.04.2026
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