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

**WEDNESDAY ,THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N**

WRIT PETITION NO: 6258 OF 2025



Between:

Kousika Naga Hanumath Chandra Shekar Kumar, S/o Late Koteswara
Sastry, Age 52 years, Occ: Sthanacharya, Sri Ammareswara swami vari
Devasthanam, Amaravathi, Guntur District.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Revenue
(Endowments) Department Secretariat, Velgapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur
District.
2. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
3. Sri Amareswara Swamyvari Devasthanam, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
Rep. by its Executive officer

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 Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 2nd respondent

in issuing proceedings in Rc. No.C2/13021(48)/5/2024 dated 17.02.2025 and consequential proceedings of the 3rd respondent issued vide Showcause Notice No. 21/2025 dated 08.03.2025 and Memo. 20/2025 dated 08.03.2025 thereby directing the petitioner not to render his services as Sthanacharya as bad, illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 16, 21 and 25 of Constitution of India and violative of principles of natural justice and consequently set aside the same by directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to render his services as Sthanacharya besides Chandi Sapathasiti vedaparayandar in the 3rd respondent institution.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend the operation of the impugned proceedings of the 2nd respondent issued vide Rc. No.C2/13021(48)/5/2024 dated 17.02.2025 and consequential proceedings of the 3rd respondent issued vide showcause Notice No. 21/2025 dated 08.03.2025 and Memo. 20/2025 dated 08.03.2025 and pass, Pending disposal of WP 6258 of 2025.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri D V SASIDHAR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR ENDOWMENTS for the Respondent Nos.1 & 2; Sri K. Koteswara Rao, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3 and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

1. The petitioner is aggrieved by the proceedings dated 17.02.2025 issued by the 2nd respondent, proposing to engage the petitioner as Chandi Saptasiti Parayanadar with a fixed remuneration of Rs.25,200/- per month. Pursuant to the same, the 3rd respondent issued a show cause notice on 08.03.2025, calling upon the

petitioner to explain as to why his remuneration should not be fixed at Rs.25,220/- in accordance with the orders of the 2nd respondent.

2. The learned counsel further submits that the petitioner's services as Sthanacharya were utilized from 05.02.2021, and the petitioner was discharging the duties of Sapathasiti Parayandar besides ChandiSapthasiti Parayandar on a monthly consolidated payment of Rs.48,440/-. The learned counsel further submits that the 2nd respondent has issued the proceedings dated 17.02.2025 in pursuance of the order passed by this Court in W.P. No.6901 of 2024, whereby some third parties filed complaints about certain illegal violations were made in the 3rd respondent temple. This Court, vide order dated 09.05.2024, directed the 2nd respondent to examine the petitioners representation therein and pass necessary orders. The learned counsel further submits that the 2nd respondent ought to have conducted an enquiry before issuing the impugned proceedings dated 17.02.2025.
3. The learned Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1 and 2 submits that the petitioner was paid Rs.48,440/-, the amount fixed for PradanaArchaka/ Grade-II Sthanacharya. However, the petitioner is only entitled to Rs.25,220/-, which is the fixed amount for Archaka/Abhisekam Purohit/Saptha Sati Parayandar Grade-II. It is further submitted that the respondents erroneously paid the petitioner Rs.45,540/-per month.
4. Heard the learned standing counsel for the 3rd respondent as well.
5. Considering their submissions, there shall be stay of the impugned proceedings dated 17.02.2025. The petitioner shall submit his response to the show cause notice.

6. Meanwhile, counters to be filed by 10.04.2025.”

SD/- K.J.RAJA BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Revenue (Endowments) Department , State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velgapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.[By Special Messenger]
2. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
3. The Executive officer , Sri Amareswara Swamyvari Devasthanam, Amaravathi, Guntur District. (2, 3 by RPAD)
4. One CC to SRI. D V SASIDHAR Advocate [OPUC]
5. One CC to Sri K. Koteswara Rao, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR ENDOWMENTS ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

HN,J

DATED:19/03/2025

ORDER

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STAY

