

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

TUESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT



THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

WRIT PETITION NO: 6645 OF 2025

Between:

A.Lakshmi, D/o. late A. Subramanyam Chetty @ A.S. Chetty, Aged about 33 years, R/o. H.No.1-85-A, Keelapudi Village, Pitchatur Mandal, Tirupati District.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Rep. by its Chairman, NTR Administrative Block of RTC House Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada.
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Rep. by its Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, NTR Administrative Block of RTC House Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada.
3. The Personnel Officer, Regional Managers Office, Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Tirupati, Tirupati District.
4. The Depot Manager, Srikalahasti Depot, Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Srikalahasti, Tirupati District.
5. The District Collector, Tirupati, Tirupati District.

...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 an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of the Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not appointment the petitioner on compassionate grounds consequent upon the death of the father of the petitioner under bread-winner scheme as illegal, arbitrary, and discriminatory being violative of Article 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner from the date of the death of her father i.e. 12.08.2023 and to grant all consequential benefits.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 consider the case of the petitioner for appointment on compassionate grounds under bread winner scheme pending disposal of the writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI P.RAMABHOOPAL REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents Nos.1 to 4: SRI ARAVALA RAMARAO

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.5: GP FOR TRANSPORT

The Court made the following: ORDER



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**The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport
Corporation and Others**

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. P RAMABHOOPAL REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.

The Court made the following order:

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the following relief/s:-

“...to issue an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of the Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not appointing the petitioner on compassionate grounds consequent upon the death of the father of the petitioner under bread-winner scheme as illegal, arbitrary, and discriminatory being violative of Article 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner from the date of the death of her father i.e. 12.08.2023 and to grant all consequential benefits and to pass such other order or orders....”

2. Heard Sri P.Rama Bhoopal Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Aravala Rama Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent Nos.1 to 4 and learned Government Pleader for Services-II for respondent No.5.

3. The father of the petitioner died in harness on 12.08.2023, while he was in-service as driver with respondent-Corporation. The deceased is survived by wife and four daughters including the petitioner, who are all married. However, the petitioner's family and her widowed sister namely A.Sasikala, were living with the deceased family. The petitioner has completed B.Tech in Electrical and Electronics Engineering. She made an application on 24.11.2023 to the 4th respondent seeking compassionate appointment. The said application, in turn, has been forwarded to the 3rd respondent. The

3rd respondent by an endorsement dated 13.02.2024, has in turn, transmitted the application to the 5th respondent-District Collector, who is competent to consider the case of the petitioner for compassionate appointment.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the same was transmitted way back in the month of February, 2024 and even the Depot Manager has by proceedings dated 18.03.2024 endorsed the application along with necessary enclosures to the 3rd respondent, no decision has been taken as of now. The petitioner being daughter of the deceased is entitled for consideration to be appointed on compassionate grounds and he would place reliance on judgment passed by the coordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.No.7059 of 2021.

5. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 4 submits that the application of the petitioner has been forwarded by the Depot Manager-4th respondent to the 3rd respondent-Personnel Officer, in turn, has transmitted the same to the 5th respondent-District Collector, who is competent to examine and decide such application, as the Corporation has now been merged with the Government.

6. Learned Government Pleader for Services-II appearing for respondent No.5 submits that the application of the petitioner shall be considered in accordance with law.

7. In view of the aforesaid submissions, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the 5th respondent to consider the application of the petitioner dated 24.11.2023, as transmitted by the 3rd respondent enclosing the annexures and required documents for the purpose of compassionate appointment, and pass speaking orders, in accordance with law, within a period of four (04) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

Sd/- M SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, NTR Administrative Block of RTC House Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada.
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3. The Personnel Officer, Regional Managers Office, Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Tirupati, Tirupati District.
4. The Depot Manager, Srikalahasti Depot,
5. Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, Srikalahasti, Tirupati District.
6. The District Collector, Tirupati, Tirupati District.

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7. One CC to Sri P.Ramabhoopal Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
 8. One CC to Sri Aravala Ramarao, Advocate [OPUC]
 9. Two CCs to GP for Transport, High Court of Andhra Pradesh
 10. Two CD Copies
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HIGH COURT

DATED:21/03/2025

ORDER

WP.No.6645 of 2025



**DISPOSING THE W.P
WITHOUT COSTS**