



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

[3457]

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 38638/2013

Between:

1.P.VENKATA RATNAM, S/O P.PULLAIAH, 53 YEARS, DRIVER,
E.503280, ALIPIRI DEPOT, H.NO.15-1207, VINAYAKAPURAM, RAJIV
GANDHI ROAD, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE DEPOT MANAGER, APSRTC., ALIPIRI DEPOT, TIRUPATI,
CHITTOOR DISTRICT.
- 2.THE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALCUMLABOUR COURT, ANANTAPUR,
REP BY ITS CHAIRMAN-CUM-PRESIDING OFFICER.

...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 an appropriate writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Certiorari calling for the record relating to the impugned award dated 13.12.2010 made in ID No.172/2007 on the file of Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, Ananthapur and set aside the same as arbitrary, perverse and contrary to law and consequently grant reinstatement with continuity of service, attendant benefits and full back wages to the petitioner,

IA NO: 1 OF 2013(WPMP 48021 OF 2013)

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 fix an early date of hearing of the writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.A G SATYANARAYANA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR LABOUR

The Court made the following:

Order:-

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was appointed as a driver on 22.02.1988 and rendered service for a period of 12 years, and that he was removed from service for having caused an accident resulting in the death of one passenger and injuries to 11 other passengers, including the service conductor.

2. The Enquiry Officer submitted a report holding the petitioner responsible for causing the accident and the disciplinary authority issued proceedings of removal dated 08.03.2000. The petitioner filed an appeal and review before the competent authorities, which were summarily rejected. Thereafter, the petitioner filed I.D. No.172 of 2007 before the Labour Court, Anantapur, and the Labour Court also rejected the claim of the petitioner.

3. It is submitted that the petitioner had attained the age of superannuation long back and is now confining his claim to the release of service benefits for the period of service rendered.

4. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents submits that the petitioner cannot claim service benefits as he was removed from service and that the Labour Court also gave a finding that the petitioner caused the accident on account of rash and negligent driving.

5. Considering the submissions, this Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the 1st respondent to release the service benefits due and payable to the petitioner for the period from 22.02.1988 till the date of removal, i.e., 08.03.2000, if not already released by the respondents.

6. With the above observation, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

22.04.2026
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JUSTICE HARINATH.N