

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT 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: 6892 OF 2025

Between:

K Raviteja, S/o Late K. Venkateswara Rao, Aged 33 years, Working as Jr. Assistant, Executive Engineer, R AND B Division, Bapatla, R/o. H. No. 9-21, Reddyvari Bazar, Vemuru Village AND Mandal, Bapatla District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary, TR & B Department, A.P. Secretariat Velagapudi, Guntur District.
2. The Superintending Engineer, (R & B) Circle, Guntur, Guntur District.
3. The Executive Engineer, (R & B) Division, Bapatla, Bapatla 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 a Writ Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declare the action of the respondent No.2 in not considering to extend the time till June, 2025 to acquire required qualification, by duly considering the explanation dt. 10.03.2025 as illegal, arbitrary, whimsical and in violation of Principles of Natural Justice and contrary, consequently direct the respondents not to take any further action against the proceedings dated 04.03.2025 before considering the explanation dt. 10.03.2025 and continue the petitioner in the post of Junior Assistant.

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Petition under Section 151 of 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 Memo dt. 04.03.2025 issued by Respondent No. 2 by directing the respondents to continue the petitioner in the present post of Junior Assistant, Pending disposal of WP 6892 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI BUGULU SREETEJA, Advocate for the Petitioner, and of GP FOR SERVICES II, for the Respondents, the Court made the following

ORDER:

Learned Government Pleader for Services - II takes notice for the respondents and seeks time to get instructions.

Petitioner was appointed as Junior Assistant on compassionate ground on 27.09.2017. He possessed diploma in Civil Engineering, therefore, he was allotted technical work. He was required to possess degree qualification to consider for the post of Junior Assistant within five years and with grace period of two years thereafter. Petitioner stated to have completed B.Com. 1st year in December, 2022 and 2nd year in June, 2023 and has appeared for 3rd year examination conducted during 12.02.2025 to 19.02.2025 and is awaiting results. However, now, by memo dated 04.03.2025, the 2nd respondent called upon petitioner to submit willingness to accept lower post as he could not acquire the educational qualification of degree in spite of granting five years and thereafter two years as grace period. Petitioner has submitted representation dated 10.03.2025 requesting 2nd respondent to extend the

time as he has already taken examinations of third year and is awaiting for results, which is pending consideration.

In view of the above, there shall be interim direction to 2nd respondent to consider and pass orders in pursuance to petitioner's representation dated 10.03.2025 within six weeks and till then, shall maintain *status quo* with respect to memo dated 05.03.2025.

Let the counter be filed by the respondents within four weeks. Reply, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

List this matter after eight weeks.

SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Principal Secretary, TR & B Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Secretariat Velagapudi, Guntur District. **(by Special Messenger)**
2. The Superintending Engineer, (R & B) Circle, Guntur, Guntur District.
3. The Executive Engineer, (R & B) Division, Bapatla, Bapatla District. **(Addressees 2 & 3 by RPAD)**
4. One CC to SRI. BUGULU SREETEJA Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
6. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

CGR,J

DATED:18/03/2025

NOTE: List this matter after eight weeks.

ORDER

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