

APHC010138152024



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

[3545]

WEDNESDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA

WRIT APPEAL NO: 274/2024

Between:

Polipalli Srikar and Others

...APPELLANT(S)

AND

Gogireddy Venkata Lakshmi and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

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I.A. NO: 7 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 May be pleased to a. declare that the Committee Report submitted pursuant to the order dated 26.11.2025, though answering the limited question framed by this Hon'ble Court, is incomplete, inasmuch as it does not record the materially visible factual observations and contemporaneous objections that arose during the verification proceedings Consequently, b. direct the Committee to revise and supplement its Report by placing on record the factual observations, circumstances, and features noticed during physical inspection of the OMR sheets and the corresponding Control Bundle slips, including the observations and objections that were contemporaneously raised and dictated during the verification proceedings; and/or make the observations of the Counsels the part

of the report before proceeding with the proceedings in the captioned Writ appeal and the connected batch. c. And pass

Counsel for the Appellant(S):

1. ANUP KOUSHIK KARAVADI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES I

2. CHALASANI AJAY KUMAR

3. V VENKATA NAGA RAJU

4. GUTTA NAVEEN KUMAR

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

And

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA

I.A.No.7 of 2025 in

W.A.NO.274 OF 2024

ORDER : *(Per Hon'ble Sri Justice Battu Devanand)*

I. Introductory:

Questioning the orders passed in a batch of Writ Petitions vide W.P.No.15701, 15757, 15765, 15844, 16646, 21894, 15745, 15758, 15806, 15750 of 2022, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) and the selected candidates filed Writ Appeals Nos.258, 259, 269, 271, 274, 277, 279, 287, 314, 317, 318, 319, 338, 339, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 348, 349, 354, 357, 358, 360, 362, 363, 364, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 407, 420 and 442 of 2024.

2. After reserving the matters for judgment, the matters were posted for some clarification. At that stage, this application is filed by the appellants in W.A.No.274 of 2024.

3. This application is filed with the following prayers:

- a. declare that the Committee Report submitted pursuant to the order dated 26.11.2025, though answering the limited question framed by this Hon'ble Court, is incomplete, in as much as it does not record the materially visible

factual observations and contemporaneous objections that arose during the verification proceedings. Consequently,

- b. direct the Committee to revise and supplement its Report by placing on record the factual observations, circumstances, and features noticed during physical inspection of the OMR sheets and the corresponding Control Bundle slips, including the observations and objections that were contemporaneously raised and dictated during the verification proceedings; and/or make the observations of the Counsels the part of the report before proceeding with the proceedings in the captioned Writ appeal and the connected batch.
- c. And pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice.

Discussion and Reasoning:-

4. The aspects relevant, in brief, for considering the present application is as follows:-

- i. Pointing out certain illegalities and irregularities by APPSC in the process of valuation of Group-I services, main examination, the Writ Petitions vide W.P.No.15701 of 2022 and batch, were filed seeking to declare the action of the Respondents in evaluating the performance of candidates in Main Written Examination held for Group I Services by Notification No.27/2018 dated 31.12.2018 of the 2nd Respondent -APPSC by adopting different standard of evaluation consequent up on passing of Judgment in WP Nos.11000 of 2021 and Batch dated 01.10.2021 and consequential publication of results thereof on

26.05.2022 in the APPSC website as unconstitutional, arbitrary, illegal and consequently to set aside the same.

ii. The Writ Petitions were allowed by the learned Single Judge directing the APPSC to conduct Group-I (Mains) Examination afresh for Notification No.27/2018, on the grounds, *inter alia* others,

(a) There was more than one valuation against the Rules.

(b) The valuation was done at private place through private agency against the norms and the answer scripts were kept at private place for a period of more than 60 days, without proper authority.

(c) The entire valuation process is clouded with illegalities and irregularities.

(d) There is abnormal difference in the list of selected candidates between the valuation done through digital process and the physical process.

5. [i] To ascertain the truth so as to whether the OMR sheets attached to the answer scripts are used or not, this Court constituted a Committee consisting 3- Members headed by a former Judge of this Court by order, dated 26.11.2025. This Court also permitted the Advocates appearing on either side to be there at the time of Committee verifying the OMR sheets.

[ii] On 04.12.2025 the Committee submitted its report, which reads as herein under:-

“In accordance with the observations made physically by the Committee in the presence of the learned Advocates for both sides, the Committee finds that the OMR sheets contained marks awarded in the alleged valuation done at Hailand.”

6. Now the petitioners pray to declare that the report submitted by the Committee is incomplete, this Court finds that the Committee is done what is directed and the submission of the petitioners that the report of the Committee is incomplete is incorrect and the report of the Committee is in compliance of the directions issued by this Court.

7. Further prayer in the petition is to direct the Committee to revise and supplement the report and to record factual observations and features noticed during the physical inspection and also the objections raised by the counsel present. The presence of learned counsel for the respective parties was permitted, when the Committee is taking note of the entry of marks, if any, on the OMR sheets, in order to ensure transparency. The purpose was never to note the objections of the learned counsel or to provide them an audience; it was not a commission to record evidence, but merely to note whether any marks were mentioned on the OMR sheets.

8. The petitioners went to the extent of stating that the Committee members had noted certain things, such notes also need to be furnished. Such an

exercise was never the intention of the Court, nor can it be inferred from the directions issued by the Court. If the petitioners imagine certain things and attempts to search for something which was never in fact intended, this Court cannot come to their aid. Therefore, the prayer to further direct the Committee to revise and supplement the report is found to be not possible, and such an afterthought exercise of the petitioners cannot be encouraged. The task that has been entrusted to the Committee has already been fulfilled.

9. No merits are found in the petition.

10. Accordingly, the I.A. No.07 of 2025 is dismissed.

JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

JUSTICE A.HARI HARANADHA SARMA

Dated: 11 .02.2026

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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND
&
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