

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

**MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 7560 OF 2026



Between:

Balisetty Madhavi Latha, W/o. Sathyanarayana, Aged about 49 years, Occ: Community Organizer, Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA), R/o D.No.3-82, Balakrishna Puram, 3rd Line, Satyanarayanapuram, Ongole, Prakasam District-523001, A.P.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, 522 238
2. The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole. 523001
3. The Mission Director, Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District - 522501,.
4. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vaddeswaram, Guntur District - 522502, Andhra Pradesh.

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 appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS, declaring the proceedings vide Rc.A1/1016/2025 dated 22.12.2025 issued by the 2nd Respondent, and Rc.No.11490/2025/MEPMA-AP/E6 dated 30.12.2025 issued by the 3rd Respondent placing the petitioner under suspension pending enquiry as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable, passed without application of mind, unsupported by any prima facie material, based solely on unverified newspaper reports and a general enquiry report which does not attribute any specific allegation, misconduct, or role to the petitioner, and consequently violative of Rule 8.2 of the Classification, Control and Appeal Conditions of the "Terms and Conditions of Employment of MEPMA Employees, 2018" framed vide G.O.Ms.No.287 dated 30.08.2018 and Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and opposed to the principles of natural justice, and set aside the same and consequently direct the respondents to reinstate the petitioner into service forthwith with continuity of service, full wages, allowances, and all consequential benefits.

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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 suspend the operation of the proceedings vide Rc.A1/1016/2025 dated 22.12.2025 issued by the 2nd respondent and the consequential proceedings vide Rc.No.11490/2025/MEPMA-AP/E6 dated 30.12.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent placing the petitioner under suspension pending enquiry, and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to continue in service with all attendant benefits, Pending disposal of WP No.7560 of 2026, 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 Maganti Sai Krishna, Advocate for the Petitioner(s), and of GP for Services I for the Respondent Nos. 1 , 2 & 4, and of Sri A Veerabhadra Rao, Standing Counsel for Respondent No.3, the Court made the following.

ORDER

The contention of the petitioner is that the suspension of the petitioner vide impugned proceedings dated 30.12.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent is contrary to the rules. It is further submitted that an identical issue was already considered by this Court in W.P. No. 2090 of 2026, by order dated 19.02.2026.

Accordingly, this Court is of the opinion that it is inclined to pass a similar interim order suspending the impugned proceedings dated 30.12.2025 issued by the 3rd respondent, as the said proceedings are prima facie contrary to the rules.

On all these occasions, the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents has not chosen to appear before this Court, despite the name being shown in the cause list.

For filing counter, list after four (04) weeks.

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SD/- T.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi. 522 238

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5. One CC to Sri Maganti Sai Krishna, Advocate [OPUC]
6. One CC to Sri A Veera Bhadra Rao, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP for Services I, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED: 20/04/2026

LIST AFTER FOUR (04) WEEKS

ORDER

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INTERIM DIRECTION

