

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

THURSDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



**: PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH**

**W.P.NOs: 26101 & 26208 OF 2024, 21946 & 29208 OF 2025
AND
8368 OF 2026**

W.P.NOs: 26101 OF 2024:

Between:

1. Jatavath Ram Kumar, S/o Late J Ramulu, Aged about 53 years, Occ: Motor Vehicles Inspector, O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Madhavadhara, Visakhapatnam
2. Rejeti Sudheer, S/o Rejeti Thomas, Aged about 45 years, Occ: Motor Vehicles Inspector, O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Madhavadhara, Visakhapatnam
3. Raavi Anil, S/o Raavi Surya Rao, Aged about 52 years, Occ: Motor Vehicles Inspector, O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Thandemvalasa, Srikakulam
4. Remalli Praveen, S/o Vijayababu, Aged about 42 years, Occ: Motor Vehicles Inspector, O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Opp. Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, M.G.Road, Vijayawada.
5. Tirukkovalluri Venkata Nagalakshmi, D/o Purnaiah, Aged about 47 years, Occ: Regional Transport Officer, O/o Regional Transport Office, Near Prakasam Engineering College, Dubagunta, O.V.Road, Kandukur, SPSR Nellore Dist.

...Petitioner/Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by Principal Secretary Transport, Roads and Buildings Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Commissioner, Transport Department, Government of AP, Vijayawada.

...Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased humbly prayed to call for the records pertaining impugned inter-se seniority list dated 12.10.2024 and to set it aside/declare the same as bad illegal arbitrary amounting to non-application of mind, one-sided, biased, unconstitutional and to direct the respondents to promote the petitioners to next cadre based on the dates on which they were promoted to feeder cadre and by following the earlier settled final seniority list dated 12.09.2023 with all consequential benefits by issuance of Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus;

IA NO: 1 OF 2024:

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend impugned inter-se-seniority list dated 12.10.2024, pending disposal of WP.No.26101 of 2024, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2024:

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to follow and implement earlier provisional inter-se-seniority list dated 12-09-2023 for the

purpose of promotions, pending disposal of WP.No.26101 of 2024, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 3 OF 2024:

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents not to affect the promotions to higher cadres without taking permission from this Hon'ble court, pending disposal of WP.No.26101 of 2024, 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 earlier Orders of the High Court dated: 15.11.2024, 28.11.2024, 06.01.2025, 18.03.2025, 17.06.2025, 09.09.2025, 11.02.2026 & 07.04.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri J. SUDHEER, Advocate for the Petitioner and of GP FOR SERVICES II for the Respondents; The Court made the following:

W.P.NO: 26208 OF 2024:

Between:

1. M Padmavathi, W/o K Venkata Ramana, Aged 47 Years, Occ: Regional Transport Officer, O/o Regional Transport Office, Ashok Nagar, Nandigama NTR Dist, R/o Door Number 3-1-248 10th Lane Near, Old R TO Office Krishna Nagar, Guntur Pattabhipuram (guntur), Guntur Andhra Pradesh- 522006
2. G S L V Manga Devi, w/o Tantara Srinivasa Rao, Aged 41 years Occ: Regional Transport Officer O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Madhavadhara, Visakhapatnam R/o 33-6-13/1, Flat-302, Sita Residency, NerellaKoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam (Urban) Waltair R S, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, PIN Code 530004,

3. D Manjula, W/o Kalyani Jagadeeswara Rao, Aged 51 Years, Occ: Adminstrative Officer O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner Madhavadhara, Visakhapatnam R/o 14-409/3, Lakshminagar, near bangaramma temple, Gopalapatnam (Rural), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh- 530027
4. K Venkata Lakshmi, W/o Y Venkateswara Prasad, Aged 53 years Occ: Adminstrative Officer O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner Thandemvalasa, Srikakulam R/o F NO 101 Sri Krishna Kunj Madhavadhara Vuda Colony, Visakhapatnam (Urban) Industrial Estate Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - 530007
5. Mandapalli Lalitha, D/o Samuel, Aged 46 years, Occ: Administrative Officer, O/o. District Transport Office, Narayanapuram, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari Dist. R/o 71-6-43, Bathinanagar Near water Tank, Lalacheruvu, Rajahmundry (Urban), East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh - 533101.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by Principal Secretary, Transport, Roads and Buildings Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Commissioner, Transport Department Government of A.P., Vijayawada.

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 call for the records pertaining to impugned inter-se seniority list dated 12.10.2024 and to set it aside/declare the same as bad illegal arbitrary, non-application of mind, one sided biased, violative of state and subordinate rules, unconstitutional and to direct the respondents to

promote the petitioners to next cadre i.e. RTO based on the dates on which they were promoted to feeder cadre and by following earlier settled seniority list dated 27.02.2020 with all consequential benefits by issuance of Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus.

IA NO: 1 OF 2024

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 impugned inter-se seniority list dated 12.10.2024 and pass, Pending disposal of WP No.26208 of 2024, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2024

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to follow and implement earlier final seniority list dated 27.02.2020, Pending disposal of WP No.26208 of 2024, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 3 OF 2024

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents not to affect the promotions to higher cadres without taking permission from this Hon'ble court, Pending disposal of WP No.26208 of 2024, 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 the order of the High Court dated 15.11.2024, 20.11.2024, 28.11.2024, 06.01.2025, 18.03.2025, 09.04.2025, 17.06.2025, 11.02.2026 & 07.04.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri J SUDHEER, Advocate for the Petitioners and of GP FOR SERVICES II for Respondents;

The Court made the following COMMON ORDER:

Learned counsel appearing for the respondents insists to modify the interim order granted earlier by this Court on 15.11.2024. He submits that by virtue of the said interim order, the entire promotion has been stalled.

As the issue involved in the present case is with regard to adequacy as held by *Nagaraja & Ors vs. Union of India & Ors* reported in 2006 (8) SCC 212 and the same is reaffirmed in *Jarnail Singh & Ors vs. Lachhmi Narain Gupta & Ors* reported in 2022 (10) SCC 595.

Counter affidavit is filed and the pleadings are completed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner requests to list this matter after Summer Vacation, 2026.

Considering the submissions made, the interim order granted earlier on 15.11.2024 is modified, directing the respondents to keep five (05) posts separately and the rest of the promotion process may be proceeded in accordance with the seniority list.

List this matter after Summer Vacation, 2026.

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SD/- K.J.RAJA BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Transport, Roads and Buildings Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi Andhra Pradesh. (by SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Commissioner, Transport Department Government of A.P., Vijayawada. (BY RPAD)
3. One CC to Sri. J.SUDHEER, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II, High Court of Andhra Pradesh.
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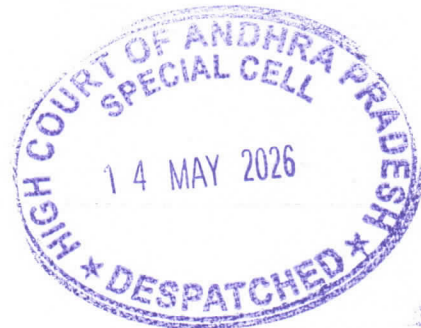
HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED: 07.05.2026.

LIST THIS MATTER AFTER SUMMER VACATION, 2026.

ORDER



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AND 8368 OF 2026

INTERIM ORDER MODIFIED