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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 8418 OF 2026



Between:

A David, S/o Late Aaron, Aged about 61 years, Occ Forest Range Officer,
R/o. D.No.4/707, 4th Road, Opposite Police Training College Georgepet,
Anantapuramu City and District

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department A.P.
Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District- 522238
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of the Forest
Force, Aranya Bhavan, Guntur District-522004

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filedpraying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, order or direction mostly one which is in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus challenging the action of the Respondents in not considering the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forest in the clear existing vacancies being contrary to A.P State Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 as illegal, irregular, arbitrary, unconstitutional, unjustified, and unsustainable and direct the Respondents to consider the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forest before his retirement.

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Petition under Section 151 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 direct the Respondents to forthwith consider and promote the Petitioner to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forest as per the seniority of the Petitioner in the cadre of Forest Range Officer, Pending disposal of WP 8418 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SODUM ANVESHA Advocate for the Petitioner(s), GP FOR FOREST, Advocate for the Respondent Nos.1 & 2 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

“Learned Government Pleader for Forest Department takes notice for respondents.

The grievance of the petitioner is that despite having regular vacancies, and the petitioner being eligible and entitled for promotion, the respondents have continued to fill the posts on an ad hoc basis without initiating the process for filling up the regular posts. The petitioner’s case was not considered on earlier occasion due to pendency of punishment. However, now the petitioner is eligible and entitled to be considered for promotion to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forest and accordingly, he submitted a representation to the authorities on 04.03.2026.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has also contended that petitioner is going to retire in the month of July, 2026.

Considering the submissions, there shall be a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner’s case for promotion, if any regular vacancies are available, and process the representation and take appropriate action as per the Rules.

List the matter after four (04) weeks.”

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SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

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1. The Principal Secretary, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522238 (by RPAD)
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of the Forest Force, Aranya Bhavan, Guntur District-522004 (by RPAD)
3. One CC to SRI. SODUM ANVESHA Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR FOREST ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
5. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

DR,J

DATED: 01/04/2026

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DIRECTION

