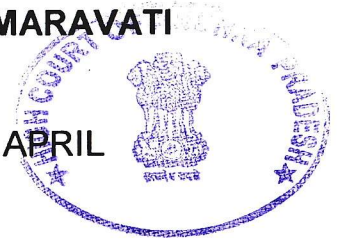


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



**:PRESENT:**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 8797 OF 2026**

**Between:**

Dr. V. Lakshman Rao, S/o. Late. V. Govinda Raju, Aged about 62 years,  
Currently working as Assistant Professor, Department of Meteorology and  
Oceanography, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Rio D.No. 50-17-30/5,  
Sai Geetha Residency, Rajendra Nagar, Near Apoorva Hospital,  
Seethamma Peta, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-  
530016

**.... Petitioner**

**AND**

1. State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary,  
Higher Education Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi,  
Amaravati, Guntur District - 522241.
2. Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its  
Registrar - 530003.
3. The Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530003.
4. The Executive Council, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Rep by its  
Chairman - - 530003.

**.... 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 to issue an appropriate writ or order or direction more  
particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of  
the Respondents, more particularly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent in not considering the

representation made by the Petitioner dated 29.01.2026 for continuation of his service as Assistant Professor beyond 62 years and extending the benefit of enhancement of age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years to the Petitioner in terms of the G.O.Ms.No.39 dated 29.07.2023 issued by the 1st Respondent is illegal, arbitrary, unjust and violation of Article 14 and 21 of Constitution of India, and Consequently direct the Respondents to continue the Petitioner in service till the age of 65 years and pay the monthly salary and all consequential benefits.

**IA NO: 2 OF 2026**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent University herein to continue the services of the Petitioner herein till he attains the age of 65 years by paying the last drawn scale of pay, Pending disposal of WP 8797 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2026**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent to consider the representation made by the Petitioner dated 29.01.2026, Pending disposal of WP 8797 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 N ASHWANI KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for respondent no.1, Ch.Ganga Kumar, Standing Counsel for respondent nos.2 to 4, the Court made the following.

## ORDER

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for respondents. Perused the record.

Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, it is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner and acceded to by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for respondents that the subject matter of this Writ Petition is squarely covered by the Writ Appeal Nos. 1246 of 2025 and batch, wherein, the Division Bench of this Court on 23.02.2026, passed the following interim order.

"12. Considering the fact that some of the professors working in these four (4) Universities are attaining the age of superannuation and at present there are no immediate steps taken by the Universities or State Government to fill these vacancies, the interest of the students studying in that universities have to be protected. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, in our prima-facie view, it is appropriate and reasonable to direct the respondents to continue the petitioners in service pending

13. Accordingly, there shall be an interim suspension of the Letter No.2175839/ A&C, AHDD & F/2024, dated 15.02.2026 passed by the Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Department and Fisheries Department, Government Andhra Pradesh, pending further orders. Further, the respondents are directed to continue the petitioners in service pending further orders."



Learned counsel for the petitioner has also requested this court that the same benefit may be extended to the petitioner herein in this Writ Petition.

Considering the submissions made, there shall be an interim order directing respondent no.2 University to continue the petitioner in service, pending further orders.

Sd/-T.SRINIVASA RAO  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522241.
2. The Registrar, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, 530003.
3. The Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530003.
4. The Chairman, Executive Council, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530003 (1 to 4 by RPAD)
5. One CC to SRI. N ASHWANI KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
6. One CC to Ch.Ganga Kumar, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED:22/04/2026

ORDER

WP.No.8797 of 2026

DIRECTION

