

(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 10887 OF 2026



Between:

Miss. Gandla Lakshmi Narayanamma, D/o. G. VenkataSubbaiah, Aged about 48 years, Occupation Anganwadi Helper, R/o. D.No.1-37, Sankepalle Village, R.S. KondapuramMandal, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

... **Petitioner/s**

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development and Welfare Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Director, Women and Child Development and Welfare Department, Jampani Towers, Amaravati Road, Opp. Narayana School, Bharathpet, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh – 522 002.
3. The District Collector and Chairman, YSR Kadapa District, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) MuddanurMandal, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

.... **Respondent/s**

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through her Advocate SMT. B V APARNA LAKSHMI presented this 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 a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction declaring that the condition in the impugned Notification No. 608798/A3/2026 dated 27.03.2026, insofar as it mandates that only a local married woman is eligible for appointment as Anganwadi Worker, is unconstitutional, arbitrary, and violative of Articles 14, 15(1), and 16(2) of the Constitution of India Consequently, direct the Respondents to consider my candidature for the post of Anganwadi Worker at Sankepalle Anganwadi Centre, Kondapuram Mandal, YSR Kadapa District, on the basis of my qualifications of age, education, local status, and long service experience, without insisting upon a marriage certificate or marital status condition.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri B V APARNA LAKSHMI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT for respondent nos.1 to 4, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development and Welfare Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Director, Women and Child Development and Welfare Department, Jampani Towers, Amaravati Road, opp. Narayana School, Bharathpet, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh – 522 002.
3. The District Collector and Chairman, YSR Kadapa District, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.

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4. The Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) MuddanurMandal, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

Are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an advocate within four (04) weeksto which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

The Court made the following: ORDER

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

Issue notice to the respondents.

Post after four (04) weeks.

**Sd/-P S S R KUMAR
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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4. The Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) MuddanurMandal, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.(1 to 4 by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)

5. One CC to SRI. B V APARNA LAKSHMI Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR WOMEN DEV CHILD WELFARE ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED:23/04/2026

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