

APHC010206772026



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

[3329]

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

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 11777/2026

Between:

1. B SRINIVAS, 57 YEARS, OCCUPATION CONDUCTOR, E.456574, CFMS ID NO.14899961, ANDHRA PRADESH PUBLIC TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT (APSRT C), ELESWARAM DEPOT, D.NO. 1-4-81/A, RAJAKA PETA, AGRAHARAM, PITHAPURAM 533450, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT. (MOBILE NO.9505446072)

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF AP, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORT, ROADS AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE-522503, THULLUR MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION APSRTC, PNBS BUS STATION, VIJAYAWADA-520002, KRISHNA DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ITS VICE- CHAIRMANST MANAGING DIRECTOR.
3. THE DEPOT MANAGER, ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION (APSRTC), ELESWARAM- 533450, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. MULLAPUDI SATYANARAYANA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA
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ORDER:

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that impugned order dated 07.04.2026, is issued on the allegation that the petitioner/conductor pocketed an amount of Rs.210/- while discharging duties in mofussil route. In view of Circular No. PD 01/2019 dated 01.01.2019, in particular Clause No.2.2.2, if the allegation of misconduct relates to an amount of more than Rs.50/- and less than Rs.200/- in mofussil route, the punishment proposed for such misconduct during inquiry does not warrant suspension. He also refers to interim order dated 30.12.2024 passed in W.P.No.31045 of 2024.

In view of Clause No.2.2.2 of the said Circular and in view of interim order dated 30.12.2024 passed in W.P.No.31045 of 2024, the impugned suspension order No.01/95(26)/2026-ELSM dated 07.04.2026, issued by the 2nd respondent, shall stand suspended, pending further orders. However, this order will not preclude the 2nd respondent from proceeding with disciplinary inquiry strictly as per the Rules.

List the matter after eight (08) weeks.

Respondents are directed to file counter affidavit in the meantime.

VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA, J

30.04.2026
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