

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

THURSDAY, THE THIRTY DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 11777 OF 2026



Between:

B SRINIVAS, S/o.Narayana Rao, 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 Andhra Pradesh, 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.

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 Writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus or any other writ order or direction, declaring the illegal actions of the respondents No.1 to 3 more particularly respondent No.3 suspended him on 07.04.2026 in violation of serial No.2.2.3(major-3) of Annexure- II of the circular No.PD01/2019, dated.01.01.2019 principles of natural justice Articles.14 and 16 of the constitution of India is very arbitrary, illegal, unjust and set aside the impugned suspension order No. 01/95(26)/2026-ELSM, dated.07.04.2026 and impugned

Charge sheet No. 01/95(26)/2026-EL SM, dated.07.04.2026 issued by the respondent No.3 and consequently to direct the respondents No.1 and 3 to reinstate him together with all benefits treating the entire period of suspension as spent on duty and release monetary and other service benefits pending disposal of the above writ petition.

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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 No.1 and 3 to reinstate him together with all benefits treating the entire period of suspension as spent on duty and release monetary and other service benefits, Pending disposal of WP 11777 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 MULLAPUDI SATYANARAYANA Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Transport Roads and Buildings for Respondent No.1, Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, Standing Counsel for APSRTC for Respondent No.2 & 3 and the Court made the following.

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 stands 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.

Sd/- K.KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The principal secretary to Government, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Transport, Roads and Building department, secretariat, Velagapudi village-522503, Thullur Mandal, Guntur District. (By Special Messenger - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. The Vice- Chairman & Managing Director Andhra pradesh state road transport corporation (APSRTC), PNBS Bus station, Vijayawada- 520002, Krishna District represented
3. The Depot Manager, Andhra pradesh state road transport corporation (APSRTC), Eleswaram- 533450, East Godavari District. (By RPAD - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
4. One CC to SRI. MULLAPUDI SATYANARAYANA Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDING DEPARTMENT, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati. [OUT]
6. One CC to Sri K.SRINIVASA RAO, Standing Counsel for TRANSPORT, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy
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HIGH COURT

NV,J

DATED: 30/04/2026

LIST THE MATTER AFTER EIGHT (08) WEEKS

ORDER

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DIRECTION

