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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MONDAY ,THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 11365 OF 2026



Between:

1. Manukonda Ravi Teja, S/o. Venkata Raju Aged about 33 years, Occ Junior Assistant, Working as Junior Assistant O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 520003.
2. Kovvuru Lokesh, S/o. Srinivasa Rao Aged about 31 years Occ Junior Assistant, Working as Junior Assistant O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 521215.
3. Matangi Maria Manaswini, D/o. Matangi Premnadh, Aged about 26 years Working as Junior Assistant O/o Deputy Transport Commissioner, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 520013.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary GAD Department, Secretariat, Amaravati, Guntur District. 522 238.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary Transport Department, Secretariat Amaravati, Guntur District. 522 238
3. The Transport Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Krishna District. 520 001
4. The Additional Transport Commissioner, O/o. The Transport Commissioner, Bus Bhavan, Vijayawada, Krishna District. 520 001

5. The Joint Transport Commissioner (Admn), O/o. The Transport Commissioner, Bus Bhavan, Vijayawada, Krishna District. 520 001
6. The Regional Joint Transport Commissioner, Zone-II, Municipal Corporation Quarters, Nearby Green Lands, M.G.Road, Vijayawada, NTR District. 520010.

Respondents

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 writ or order, more particularly one in Writ of MANDAMUS by declaring the action of respondents more particularly respondents 2 to 6 a) in not effecting promotions to the post of Senior Assistant from the category of Junior Assistant in Zone-II for the panel years 2023-24, 2024- 25 and for the present panel year 2025-26 though the seniority list of Senior Assistants is finalized vide proceedings R.No.11/A1/2023 dated 27.06.2024 published by the 6th respondent and inspite the 1st respondent vide Circular Memo dated 11.1.2026 and consequential circular dated 14.1.2026 issued by the 2nd respondent directing the concerned to ensure effecting promotions to the non-selection posts by 31.1.2026, citing stay of further action on the integrated final seniority list in the category of Administrative Officers issued by the 3rd respondent vide proceedings 13023/2/DI/2024 (Confirmed) dated 12.10.2024 by this hon'ble Court in W.P.No.26208 of 2024 dated 15.11.2024, though there is no such stay on the final seniority list of the Senior Assistant category in Zone-II, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India and b) further declare that the petitioners are entitled for promotion to the post of Senior Assistant in Zone-11 from the panel year 2023-24 with all notional financial benefits that would arise ,

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 6th respondent to forthwith give

effect to the final seniority list of Junior Assistants category in Zone-II vide proceedings R.No.11/A1/2023, dated 27.06.2024 published by the 6th respondent for effecting promotions to the post of Senior Assistant by implementing the directions of the 1 and respondents issued through memos dated. 11.1.2026 and 14.1.2026 in terms of the orders passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.5358 of 2026 dated 24.2.2026, W.P.No.7199 of 2026, dated: 13.3.2026 and W.P.No.7749 of 2026, dated 30.3.2026, W.P.No.9707 of 2026, dated; 15.04.2026 and consider the cases of the petitioners for promotion as Senior Assistants as per their seniority, pending disposal of the main writ petition

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri G.SAI LOCHAN Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR SERVICES I for respondent No.1, GP for Services II for Respondent Nos. 2 to 6, and the Court made the following.

ORDER

The present writ petition is filed questioning the action of the respondents in not effecting promotions to the post of Senior Assistant from the category of Junior Assistant in Zone-II for the panel years 2023-24, 2024-25 and for the present panel year 2025-26 though the seniority list of Senior Assistants is finalized vide proceedings dated 27.06.2024 as arbitrary and illegal.

2. The contention of the petitioners is that the respondents are not effecting the promotions to the post of Senior Assistants from the category of Junior Assistants in Zone-II for the panel years 2023-24, 2024-25 and for the present panel year 2025-26 though the seniority list of Junior Assistants is finalized by proceedings dated 27.06.2024 by Regional Joint Transport Commissioner, Zone-II.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners has placed reliance on the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.26208 of 2024 wherein this Court has directed the 2nd respondents not to take any further steps in

pursuance of the final seniority list dated 12.10.2024 for a period of two weeks. The said list is pertaining to integrated seniority list of Administrative Officers and Motor Vehicle Assistants promotion to the post of R.T.As. But, in the instant case, the petitioners are working as Junior Assistants and their seniority list has been prepared and finalized on 27.06.2024 and the said list has not been challenged by any persons and the same was not interdicted by any Court.

4. In the said circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that the respondents ought not to have rejected the case of the petitioners for promotion to the post of Senior Assistants based on the said seniority list. Even the interim order passed by this Court in W.P.No.26208 of 2024 is with regard to the integration of seniority list of M.V.As and M.Os for the post of R.T.As but here, the request of the petitioners is only for promotion to the post of Senior Assistants based on the seniority list which was finalized on 27.06.2024 and it is not interdicted by any Court.

5. In the said circumstances, there shall be direction to the respondents to consider the seniority list dated 27.06.2024 and effect the promotions. These promotions are subject to the result of the present Writ Petition.

6. List the matter after two weeks.

SD/- N.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Special Chief Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Principal Secretary GAD Department, Secretariat, Amaravati, Guntur District. 522 238.
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7. One CC to SRI. G.SAI LOCHAN Advocate [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. Two CCs to GP for Services II , High Court of Andhara Pradesh[OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED:27/04/2026

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DIRECTION