

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

W.P.No. 10555 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
1.	23.04.2026	<u>VN, J</u> Issue Notice to the Respondents returnable in four weeks. The Writ Petition is filed questioning the G.O.Ms.No.96 Minorities Welfare (IDM-I) Department, dated 04.12.2025, appointing Respondent No.5 as "Khazi" for Ananthasagaram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, as illegal and arbitrary. The Petitioner was initially appointed as "Khazi" under G.O.Ms.No.19 M.W (WAFK.I) Department, dated 02.09.2004, for Nellore Town and seven other Mandals, i.e., Indukurpeta, Muthukur, T.P.Gudur, Venkatachalam, A.S.Peta, Atmakur, and Ananthasagaram of Nellore District. Subsequently, vide the impugned proceedings, the respondent No. 5 was appointed as 'Khazi' for Ananthasagaram Mandal, Nellore District. Sri K.S. Murthy, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner submits that the appointment of Respondent No. 5 cannot be sustained as long as the Petitioner is discharging	

		the work as “Khazi” to the satisfaction of the Muslim community in the area. The learned Senior Counsel further submits that the Respondent No. 4 had also issued proceedings on 08.04.2026 restraining the Petitioner from acting as “Khazi” for the Ananthasagaram Mandal, Nellore District, which is contrary to G.O.Ms.No.19, dated 02.09.2004. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that the impugned proceedings need not be interfered with, as the government can appoint more than one Khazi, and that the Letter dated 08.04.2026 was issued by the respondent No. 4 to maintain harmony in the discharge of work of the 'Khazi.' Heard the learned respective counsel. The Kazis Act, 1880, does not prohibit the appointment of more than one Khazi in any local area. <i>Prima facie</i>, the appointment of Respondent No. 5 by the Government as ‘Khazi’ vide impugned proceedings cannot be faulted with. However, the Letter of the Respondent No. 4 restraining the Petitioner from discharging duties as ‘Khazi’ in Ananthasagaram Mandal, Nellore District, appears to be undermining the jurisdiction of discharge of ‘Khazi’ on the Petitioner vide G.O.Ms.No.19, dated 02.09.2004, wherein Ananthasagaram Mandal, Nellore Mandal, was also included. Therefore, there shall	
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		be an interim direction as follows: i) The Letter issued by the Respondent No.4 dated 08.04.2026 is suspended, and the Petitioner shall not be restrained by the authorities as long as the Petitioner is discharging duties as 'Khazi' to the satisfaction of the members of the Muslim community. Post after eight weeks. <u>VN, J</u> eha.	
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