

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

: PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH
WRIT PETITION NO: 11507 OF 2026**



Between:

Dr G Ramanandam, S/o Late G. Raghavulu, Aged about 61 years, Occ:
Principal Scientist cum Director of Research, Administrative Office, Dr. YSR
Horticultural University Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District,
Andhra Pradesh -534 101.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District -522238
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District -522238
3. Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Administrative Office, Venkataramannagudem, W.G. District, Andhra Pradesh -534101 Rep. by its Registrar

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 a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of

Writ of Mandamus declaring the Lr.No.2175839/A & C, AHDD & F/2024 dated 15.02.2026 issued by 2nd Respondent wherein the benefit of extension of enhanced age of superannuation from 62 to 65 years in terms of GOMs No. 39, Higher Education dated 29.07.2023 was rejected to the teachers working in 3rd Respondent University that also includes the petitioner as illegal arbitrary discriminatory violative of Art 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, AP State Govt. Business Rules, 2018 and contrary to the law declared by the Apex Court in Jagdish Prasad Sharma and Ors. vs State of Bihar and Ors. (2013 8 SCC 633) and consequently set aside the same and direct the Respondents to continue the petitioner in service with all attendant benefits, emoluments without reference to Proc.No.1977/Ser(T).I/2024 dated 14.06.2024 that indicates the petitioner's date of superannuation as 31.05.2026

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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 Respondents to continue the petitioner in service in terms of GOMs No. 39, Higher Education Dept. dated 29.07.2023 without reference to Proc.No.1977/Ser(T).I/2024 dated 14.06.2024 that indicates the petitioner's date of superannuation as 31.05.2026, Pending disposal of WP No.11507 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/s Kavitha Gottipati, Advocate for the Petitioner, and of GP for Services III for the Respondents, the Court made the following.

ORDER

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

Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, it is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner and acceded to, by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for respondents that the subject matter of this Writ Petition is squarely covered by the Writ Appeal Nos. 1246 of 2025 and batch, wherein, the coordinate Division Bench of this Court on 23.02.2026, passed the following interim order.

"12. Considering the fact that some of the professors working in these four (4) Universities are attaining the age of superannuation and at present there are no immediate steps taken by the Universities or State Government to fill these vacancies, the interest of the students studying in that universities has to be protected. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, in our prima facie view, it is appropriate and reasonable to direct the respondents to continue the petitioners in service pending further orders.

13. Accordingly, there shall be an interim suspension of the Letter No.2175839/ A&C, AHDD F/2024, dated 15.02.2026 passed by the Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Department and Fisheries Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, pending further orders. Further, the respondents are directed to continue the petitioners in service pending further orders."

Learned counsel for the petitioner has also requested this court that the same benefit may be extended to the petitioner herein in this Writ Petition.

Considering the submissions made, there shall be an interim direction directing the respondent authorities to continue the petitioner in service pending further orders.

Post the matter after four (04) weeks.

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SD/-M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District - 522238
2. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District -522238
3. The Registrar, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Administrative Office, Venkataramannagudem, W.G. District, Andhra Pradesh -534101 (1 to 3 by RPAD)
4. One CC to M/s Kavitha Gottipati, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP for Services III, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED: 28/04/2026

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ORDER

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INTERIM DIRECTION

