

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

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 10795 OF 2026



Between:

G Ramudu, S/o G. Ramanna (Late), Aged about 60 years, Occ HWO Gr-II,
Govt., SC Boys Hostel, Parla, Kurnool District, Rio H.No 87/1368-1-12,
Yelkur Estate, Nandi Kotkur, Kalluru Mdl, Kurnool Dist. 518401.

... Petitioner/s

AND

1. The District Collector(SW), Kurnool District. Opp. Govt. General Hospital, Budhawara Peta, Alluri Sitarama Raju Nagar, Kurnool, AP-518002,
2. The Director of Social Welfare, AP, Guntur District. Behind Police Station, Payakapuram, Vijayawada, A.P.- 520015.
3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep., by its Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati - 522 238.
4. The Deputy Director (SW), Kurnool District. Pin 518002. A.P.

... Respondent/s

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 a Writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Certiorari to call for the records relating to and in connection with the impugned proceedings No. A1/123/129, dated 13.08.2025 issued by the 1st respondent and set aside the same by declaring them as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, violative of Art. 14 and 16 of Constitution of India and consequently, direct the respondents to drop further action in the disciplinary

case against the Petitioner and accord all consequential service and monetary benefits, including promotion to the post of HWO Grade-I, from the date of his eligibility.

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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 to consider the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of HWO Gr-I forthwith, without reference to the impugned proceedings No. A1/123/2019, dated: 13.08.2025, issued by the 1st respondent or by suspending the same, Pending disposal of WP 10795 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 SRI POODATTU AMARENDER Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR SERVICES II for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER

This writ petition is filed aggrieved by the impugned proceedings, dated 13.08.2025 issued by the 1st respondent, imposing a punishment of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has relied on the orders of G.O.Ms No. 342, General Administrative (Services C) Department, dated 04.08.1997, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991. According to para 3 (b) clearly indicates that the penalty awarded to Government employees shall debar him/her for promotion/appointment by transfer to a higher post during the period subsistence of penalty which shall be indicated in

the order subject to a minimum period of one year, both for selection and non-selection posts.

In the said circumstance, since the punishment of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect for the year 2025, as the same is completed, the respondents are directed to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion, without reference to the above punishment orders.

List the matter after four (04) weeks.

SD/- T. SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

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4. The Deputy Director (SW), Kurnool District. Pin 518002. A.P.(1 to 4 by RPAD)
5. One CC to SRI. POODATTU AMARENDER Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED:22/04/2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION

