



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

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FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 11119/2026

Between:

1.KOPPALA BALA KRISHNA, S/O K.NARAYANA RAO AGED 39 YEARS, OCC TAHSILDAR (FAC) WORKING AT HEERAMANDAL MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT, RESIDENT OF D.NO.3-11, SURYANARAYANAPURAM VILLAGE, PATHAPATNAM MANDAL SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT - 532213

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF AP, REPRESENTED BY ITS SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY, REVENUE (SERVICES) DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, ANDHRA PRADESH-522503.

2.THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LAND ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, 1ST AND 3RD FLOOR, APIIC BUILDINGS, AUTO NAGAR NEAR NRI HOSPITALS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT -522503.

3.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 or order or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of

Tahsildar from the post Deputy Tahsildar though she is fully eligible, qualified and within the Zone of consideration except pending charge memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.695 Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department Dt.30-09-2024 which was issued based on a minor allegations detected way back on 20.01.2023 as illegal, arbitrary, violative of G.O.Ms. No. 91 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 12.08.2022 and Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequentially direct the Respondents to consider the Petitioner's case for promotion to the post of Tahsildar, Zone-1 without reference to Charge Memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.695 Revenue (Vigilance- III) Department Dt.30-09-2024 in terms of in terms of Para-5 (B) (i) of G.O.Ms.No.257 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 10.06.1999 and to pass

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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 2nd respondent to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion as Tahsildar from the post Deputy Tahsildar in terms of Para-5 (B) (i) of G.O.Ms.No.257 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated; 10.06.1999 without reference to the charge memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.695 Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department Dt.30-09-2024 and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. HARINATH REDDY SOMAGUTTA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“...to issue a writ or order or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of Tahsildar from the post Deputy Tahsildar though she is fully eligible, qualified and within the Zone of consideration except pending charge memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.695 Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department Dt.30-09-2024 which was issued based on a minor allegations detected way back on 20.01.2023 as illegal, arbitrary, violative of G.O.Ms. No. 91 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 12.08.2022 and Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequentially direct the Respondents to consider the Petitioner's case for promotion to the post of Tahsildar, Zone-1 without reference to Charge Memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.695 Revenue (Vigilance- III) Department Dt.30-09-2024 in terms of in terms of Para-5 (B) (i) of G.O.Ms.No.257 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 10.06.1999 and to pass...”

2. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned Government Pleader for respondents.

3. A charge memo vide G.O.Rt.No.695, Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department dated 30.09.2024 was issued to the petitioner framing charges. An inquiry officer was appointed and he completed his inquiry and submitted report dated 04.08.2025 to the 1st respondent through letter Rc.No.1681/2019/A2 dated 06.08.2025 stating that the charge is not proved. Though the respondents received inquiry report the respondents have not considered the petitioner to the promotion of Tahsildar.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the respondents have not considered the case of the petitioner for promotion, despite her seniority and clean service record.

5. Learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, on instructions, submits that it is an admitted fact that the petitioner was shown in

the seniority list and she will be considered for promotion, if she is otherwise eligible.

6. Having heard the respective submissions, this Court is of the opinion that the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Tahsildar, on regular basis can be considered in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, dated 10.06.1999.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's case for promotion to the post of Tahsildar on regular basis subject to the petitioner possessing requisite qualifications in terms of G.O.Ms.No.257, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 10.06.1999 and also conclude the enquiry, if any pending, in terms of G.O.Ms.No.91, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 12.09.2022, within a period of six (06) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The petitioner shall cooperate for expeditious completion of the enquiry. In the event of failure to conclude the enquiry within the aforesaid time frame, the disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner shall stand quashed without further reference to this Court. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

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