



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

[3208]

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

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 11734/2026

Between:

- 1.P. CHINNA GOVINDAIAH, S/O RAMAIAH, AGED 51 YEARS
D.NO.43/265-1C, FLOOR, ROAD NO.9, N.R.PET, KURNOOL
DISTRICT. (BC-B) SI. NO.777
- 2.G.RAVANAMMA, W/O LATE RADHAKRISHNA AGED 43 YEARS
D.NO. 7-2-43, VIDYANAGAR, BADVEL MANDAL YSR DISTRICT.
(OC -W) SI. NO.850
- 3.J.RAMACHANDRA REDDY, W/O J. RAMASUBBA REDDY, AGED
46 YEARS, R/O 2/78, MALLESWARAPURAM, KOTHA
MADHAVARAM, VONTIKITTA MANDAL, YSR (ANNAMAYYA)
DISTRICT. (OC) SI. NO 1014
- 4.N.VENKATA SUBBAIAH, W/O KONDAIAH AGED 51 YEARS,
R/O.3/49, LINGALAKUNTA, THAMBALLAGONDI, ATIURU
MANDAL, YSR DISTRICT. (ST) SI. NO. 479

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

- 1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES (R AND R) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI,GUNTUR DISTRICT.
- 2.THE CHIEF ENGINEER, NTR TELUGU GANGA PROJECT,
TIRUPATI, CHITTOOR(TIRUPATI) DISTRICT.
- 3.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, YSR DISTRICT, KADAPA

4.THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SOMASILA PROJECT,
DARGAMITTA, SPS NELLORE 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 pass orders in exercise of extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the respondents' inaction in providing employment to the petitioner in terms of G.O.Ms.No. 98 Irrigation Department Dt. 15.4.1986 though their names were included in the list published @ <http://kadapa.ap.nic.in> on 6.4.2023 as arbitrary, illegal, discriminatory and violative of right to life. Article 14, 19, 21, and 300A of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to consider his candidature for employment at par with the candidates mentioned in Memo No. 7477081/R and R/A2/2023-7 (C.No. 2116015) dt. 30.6.2025 and 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 respondents to consider petitioners' candidature for providing employment in terms of G.O.Ms.No. 98 Irrigation Department Dt. 15.4.1986 by extending the benefit at par with the candidates mentioned in Memo No. 7477081/R& R/A2/2023-7 (C.No. 2116015) dt. 30.6.2025 pending disposal of the above writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1.KASA JAGANMOHAN REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following ORDER:

1. The present writ petition is filed seeking to declare the action of Respondent Nos.2 to 5 in not including the names of the petitioners in the seniority list of 1656 candidates who seek employment under the displaced persons quota of the Somasila Project, vide Memo No.480-LAR (2)87/2 dated 24.08.1987 issued by Respondent No.1, despite their eligibility in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation and CAD (PW) Department, dated 15.04.1986, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for the respondents.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in similar facts and circumstances, this Court has already granted relief in W.P. No.33135 of 2023 by order dated 23.01.2025, and therefore the petitioners are also entitled to the same relief.

4 The petitioners further brought to the notice of this Court that under G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (Project Wing) Department, dated 15.04.1986, the condition of one-year limitation prescribed therein cannot be insisted upon, in view of Government Memo No.480-LAR (2)/87-2, dated 24.08.1987, the orders of the A.P. Administrative Tribunal in O.A.No.7917 of 2003 dated 16.07.2007, the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No.2436 of 2011 dated 08.02.2011 which was confirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No.14305 of 2011 by order dated

04.07.2011, and also the common judgment of this Court in W.P.(AT) No.174 of 2021 and batch dated 13.12.2022.

5. In fact, the learned counsel for the petitioners also brought to the notice of this Court the observations in W.A.No.356 of 2023. Certain writ petitions, wherein rejection of the cases of the petitioners under G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (Project Wing) Department, dated 15.04.1986, was challenged, were allowed, and the appeals preferred therein were disposed of with the following observation:

“In this Connection it is respectfully submitted that recently this Court rendered an elaborate Judgment on the subject matter in W.P.(AT) No.174 of 2021 and batch, dated 13.12.2022 by considering all the earlier Judgments passed by APAT and the D.B. of this Hon’ble High Court in W.P.No. 2436 of 2011 which was confirmed by the Hon’ble Apex Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.14305 of 2011, dated 04.07.2011, directing the Respondents to provide employment to the Petitioners therein by adopting the procedure prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.98, dated 15.04.1986 and also in respect of other candidates, who now remain out of employment. I am also similarly situated and identically placed to the petitioners therein and entitled for appointment in terms of G.O.Ms.No.98. Hence, this Writ Petition.”

6. On perusal of the directions of the Division Bench of this Hon’ble High Court in W.P.No.2436 of 2011, this Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioners as per

G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (Project Wing) Department, dated 15.04.1986, and to pass appropriate orders. The said exercise may be completed within a period of three (03) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in the writ petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE D RAMESH

28.04.2026

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