



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

[3208]

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

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 11209/2026

Between:

1.DOWLURI LAXMAYYA, S/O D.VENKATA RATNAM, AGED 48 YEARS, OCC TAHSILDAR (ADHOC) SUPERINTENDENT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE PADERU, A.S.R.DISTRICT, R/O D.NO.65-5-5136, MIG-1-136, GULLAPALEM, SRIHARIPURAM, MALKAPURAM (PO) GVMC, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

...PETITIONER

AND

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

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

3.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ALLURI SITHARAMA RAJU DISTRICT ERSTWHILE VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT. 530002

...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 CCLA's Progs.No.REV02-28021-/9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt. 10-08-2025 which was issued based on a minor allegations detected way back on 20.01.2023 as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the orders passed in WP.No.4529/2026 dt.06.03.2026 and violative of CCLA's Progs.No.REV02-28021-/9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt. 10-08-2025 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 CCLA's Progs.No.REV02-28021-/9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt. 10.08.2025 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 Progs.No.REV02-28 021-/9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt. 10-08-2025 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 CCLA's Progs.No.REV02-28021-9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt. 10-08-2025 which was issued based on a minor allegations detected way back on 20.01.2023 as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the orders passed in WP.No.4529/2026 dt.06.03.2026 and violative of CCLA's Progs.No.REV02-28021-9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt. 10-08-2025 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 CCLA's Progs.No.REV02-28021-9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) Dt.10.08.2025 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 in C.C.L.A's Progs.No.REV02-28021/9/2025 (3) (C.No.2779985) was issued to the petitioner framing charges. The petitioner submitted a written explanation on 13.09.2025 requesting the respondent-authorities to consider his case for promotion in view of G.O.Ms.No.257 dated 10.06.1999 taking into consideration the initiation of enquiry and the timing of issuance of the charge memo which was issued before promotions.
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. He further submits that though the disciplinary case initiated against the petitioner on 20.07.2021, so far, no

action has been taken to conclude the disciplinary enquiry till date and thus it is an abnormal delay and requests this Court to pass appropriate orders in this regard.

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 he will be considered for promotion, if he 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.

Date: 24.04.2026
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