



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

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FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 12446/2026

Between:

1. SRI BODASINGI SURESH, S/O B. ADINARAYANA, AGED 43 YEARS,
OCC DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, WORKING AT HEAD QUARTERS,
GARIVIDI MANDAL, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, 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, VIZIANAGARAM 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 regular promotion to the post of Tahsildar from the post of Deputy Tahsildar though she is fully eligible, qualified and within the Zone of consideration except

pending charge memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.547 Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department Dated 09-06-2025 of 1st respondent which was issued based on a minor allegations detected way back on 24.07.2020 that to held not proved in the regular departmental enquiry report dated 21.01.2026 as illegal, arbitrary, violative of G.O. Ms. No. 91 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 12.08.2022 and against Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequentially direct the Respondents to consider the Petitioners case for regular promotion to the post of Tahsildar, Zone-1 without reference to Charge Memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.547 Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department Dated 09-06-2025 of 1st respondent 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 may be pleased to direct the 2nd respondent to consider the case of the petitioner for regular promotion as Tahsildar from the post Deputy Tahsildar in tdrms 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.547 Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department Dated: 09-06-2025 of 1st respondent and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.HARINATH REDDY SOMAGUTTA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India seeking the following reliefs:-

“to issue a writ, 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 regular promotion to the post of Tahsildar from the post of Deputy Tahsildar though he is fully eligible, qualified and within the Zone of consideration except pending charge memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.547, Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department, dated 09.06.2025 of 1st respondent which was issued based on a minor allegations detected way back on 24.07.2020 that to held not proved in the regular enquiry report dated 21.01.2026 as illegal, arbitrary, violative of G.O.Ms.No.91 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 12.08.2022 and against Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequentially direct the Respondents to consider the Petitioner's case for regular promotion to the post of Tahsildar, Zone-1 without reference to Charge Memo issued in G.O.Rt.No.547, Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department, dated 09.06.2025 in terms of Para-5 (B) (i) of G.O.Ms.No.257 General Administration (SER.C) Dept dated 10.06.1999 and pass such other order.”

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

3. A charge memo vide G.O.Rt.No.547, Revenue (Vigilance-III) Department, dated 09.06.2025 was issued to the petitioner under which charges were framed. The petitioner submitted representation dated 13.04.2026 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 his 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 as such he will be considered for promotion, if he is otherwise eligible.

6. Having regard to 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. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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