

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

THURSDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 13497 OF 2026



Between:

K Punyavathi, W/o. G. Chandrasekhar D/o. Ramaswamy, Age 50 years,
Occ Lecturer in Department of Sanskrit, Sri Sai Baba National Degree
College, Anantapur, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh - 515001.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Commissioner and Director of Collegiate Education, State of Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Kadapa Region, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.
4. Sri Sai Baba National Degree College, Rep. by its Correspondent, Anantapur, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh - 515001

Respondents

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, orders or directions more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus

i) declaring the action of the respondent in issuing G.O.Ms. No.65 Higher Education (CE) Department, dt.26-08-2025, beyond the scope of the orders passed in WP No.26644 of 2011 & batch, on the pretext of implementing the said orders

ii) the action of the respondents in not regularizing petitioner's services as Lecturer in Department of Sanskrit, aided post/vacancy in 4th respondent's college, as the said vacancy is in existence for quite a long time, with effect from the date of arising said vacancy or the date of appointment as unaided lecturer by continuing in 4th respondents college or accommodating the petitioner in any government degree college as is being done in the case of other similarly situated besides according all incidental and consequential service-cum- monetary benefits attached to the post of Lecturer in Sanskrit as illegal, arbitrary, discriminative, colourable exercise, misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance of powers besides violative of Arts. 14, 16 & 21 of the Constitution of India and

iii) consequently, set aside the same in so far as the petitioner is concerned besides directing the respondents to regularize petitioner's services against her respective aided post/vacancy in 4th respondent's college, with effect from the date of arising said vacancy or the date of appointment as unaided lecturer by continuing in 4th respondent's college or accommodating her in any government degree college/s as done in the case of other similarly situated besides according all incidental and consequential service-cum- monetary benefits attached to her post;

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 regularize the services of the petitioner against her aided post/vacancy in 4th respondent's college in the light of the order dt.20-12-2018 passed in WP No.7789 of 2012 & batch, which was confirmed by the Division Bench in WA No.263 of 2019 & batch, dt.31-07-2020 and also the Hon'ble Apex Court in SLP No.13575 of 2020, dt.25-11-2020 & other SLPs, Pending disposal of WP 13497 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 suspend the operation of G.O.Ms. No.65 Higher Education (CE) Department, dt.26-08-2025 issued by the 1st respondent in respect of the petitioner is concerned in order to maintain status quo in so far as the petitioner is concerned, Pending disposal of WP 13497 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 PEETA RAMAN Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR SERVICES III for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

The writ petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the respondent in issuing G.O.Ms. No.65 Higher Education (CE) Department, dt.26-08-2025, beyond the scope of the orders passed in WP No.26644 of 2011 and batch.

The apprehension of the petitioners is that in view of the impugned G.O.Ms.No.65, dated 26.08.2025, the service of the petitioners may be terminated.

The learned Assistant Government Pleader seeks time for getting instructions.

Considering the all services of the petitioners, the respondents are directed to maintain status quo as regards the employment of the petitioners.

Post the matter after summer vacation, 2026.

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SD/- K.J.RAJA BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
(by **Special Messenger**)
2. The Commissioner and Director of Collegiate Education, State of Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Kadapa Region, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Correspondent, Sri Sai Baba National Degree College, Anantapur, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh - 515001 (addressee 2 to 4 by **RPAD**)
5. One CC to SRI. PEETA RAMAN Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES III ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR,J

DATED:07/05/2026

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ORDER

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