



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

[3331]

THURSDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 15264/2026

Between:

Challa Subba Rao

...PETITIONER

AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. MOHAMMED BAJI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SERVICES I

2. GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following order :

Heard Sri Mohammed Baji, learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for **Services**, for the respondents.

2. Assailing the proceedings issued by the Vice Chairman of respondent No.3 vide Retirement Notice No.72/APSMFC/ADMN/A1/2021, dated 06.04.2026 (Ex.P1), intimating the petitioner's date of retirement as 31.05.2026 on attaining the age of superannuation of 60 years, pending the consideration of recommendation of a group of Ministers, to extend the age of superannuation to all the employees in Corporations, institutions and PUCs from 60 years to 62 years, the above writ petition is filed.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that a group of ministers, on 23.03.2026, recommended the extension of the age of

superannuation of those employees, falling under Schedules IX and X of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, from 60 years to 62 years.

4. He would further submit that the learned Government Pleader for Services-I, on written instructions of the Secretary to the Government (HR), Finance Department, Andhra Pradesh, in W.A.No.946 of 2024, submitted that basing on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers, the file has been prepared and is under circulation for approval of the competent authority to place it before Council of Ministers. The Hon'ble Minister for Finance has placed the proposal before the Council of Ministers. As per the Andhra Pradesh Business Rules and as per the resolution of the Council of Ministers, the Government will take necessary action.

5. Today, when the matter is taken up, the learned Government Pleader would submit that the Government is yet to take a decision.

6. As seen from the averments of the affidavit, the petitioner has been rendering service in the Corporation for more than 24 years. The Government is yet to take a decision regarding the extension of the age of superannuation from 60 years to 62 years. Retiring the petitioner from service pending consideration of the recommendation by the Group of Ministers, prima facie, is impermissible. In fact, in similar circumstances, an interim order was passed in W.P.No.14715 of 2026.

7. Given the above facts and circumstances of the case, respondent No.3 shall not give effect to the proceedings (Ex.P1) and continue the petitioner to discharge duties up to 62 years or till a decision is taken by the Council of Ministers, in pursuance of the report, whichever is earlier.

8. Post after three weeks.

JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

Date: 11.06.2026

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