

HIGH +COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No.: W.P.No.15476 of 2025

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
2)	04.07.2025	<u>CGR, J.</u> Sri Y. Balaji, learned Standing Counsel for SAAP, appearing for the 2nd respondent, seeks time to file detailed counter-affidavit. 2. Let counter-affidavit be filed within two weeks and reply-affidavit, if any, may be filed within two weeks thereafter. 3. List after four weeks. <u>I.A.No.1 of 2025</u> Petitioner has participated in Senior Level in sports namely Atya Patya, Netball, Handball, Soft Tennis and in Junior National Level in Basket Ball. By G.O. Ms.No.4, Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture (Sports & Youth Services) Department, dated 19.04.2025, Government has come up with Sports Policy 2024-29 for implementation of 3% horizontal reservation to eligible meritorious sports persons within State in direct recruitment without requirement of competitive examinations. 2. As per Clause-VI list of recognized sports disciplines eligible for 3% horizontal reservation has been indicated, providing for Category-A disciplines and Category-B disciplines, further, stating that preference shall be given to Category-A disciplines	

compared to Category-B and only in case there are no takers for Category-A, candidates from Category-B discipline would be considered for filling up the vacancies. Further, Clause-VII provides for eligibility criteria for meritorious sports persons based on tournaments and medals and Clause-VIII the priority as per medals awarded in respect to tournaments. Petitioner assails that there is no rationality or objectivity in creating two disciplines of sports. The criteria in arriving the disciplines has no basis and object that is sought to be achieved when all are sports equally played either domestically or internationally.

3. Sri Y. Balaji, learned Standing Counsel for SAAP, appearing for the 2nd respondent, on the other hand, tried to justify the classification by contending that sports which are played in Olympics are enumerated in Category-A and other than Olympics in Category-B, besides those which are directly certified by SAAP are enumerated in Category-A and non-certified are in Category-B and further seeks time to come up with detailed counter-affidavit.

4. It is stated that now the process of selection is going on and applications received from all candidates are being evaluated.

5. In this view of the matter, let the application of the petitioner also be evaluated under the G.O., however, the respondents shall not fill-up one post of School Assistant in Krishna District, pending further orders. The respondents, however, can proceed with evaluating the eligibility of the petitioner in terms of

Clauses-VII and VIII of G.O.Ms.No.4, dated 19.04.2025, r/w. Clause 17(p) of the Notification, dated 01.05.2025.

CGR, J.
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