

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

**FRIDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

:PRESENT:

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN



IA No. 1 OF 2025

IN

WP NO: 15476 OF 2025

Between:

Naveen Kumar Daram, S/o D. V. Prasada Rao, Aged about 37 years, R.o D.No.18-244, Siddhik Nagar, Kanuru, Penamaluru Mandal, YSR Tadigadapa Municipality, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh

...Petitioner(s)

(Petitioner in WP 15476 OF 2025

on the file of High Court)

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports and Youth Services) Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its VC and MD, IGMC Stadium, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
3. State of Andhra Pradesh, Department of School Education, Rep. by the Commissioner, Having Office at D.No.398/3, Vidya Bhavan, Venkatadiri towers, Atmakur Village, Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District

...Respondent(s)

(Respondents in-do-)

Counsel for the Petitioner :M/s AVANIJA INUGANTI

Counsel for the Respondent No.1 : GP FOR SERVICES-I

Counsel for the Respondent No.2:SRI Y.BALAJI, Standing Counsel

Counsel for the Respondent No.3: GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION

— Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed 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 categorization of sports disciplines into Category A and Category - B and Note in Clause VI in G.O.Ms.No.4 dated 19.04.2025 and Clause 17 in notification bearing No.01/Sports Mega DSC- TR (Sports Quota)-1/2025 dated 01.05.2025. Pending disposal of WP No. 15476 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

— The court while directing issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this application should not be complied with, made the following order.(The receipt of this order will be deemed to be the receipt of notice in the case).

ORDER:

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.

SD/-B.CHITTI JOSEPH
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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For

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports and Youth Services) Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
(by Special Messenger)
2. The VC and MD, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, IGMC Stadium, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Commissioner, State of Andhra Pradesh, Department of School Education, Having Office at D.No.398/3, Vidya Bhavan, Venkatadiri towers, Atmakur Village, Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District
(Addressees 2 & 3 By RPAD)
4. One CC to SRI. AVANIJA INUGANTI Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES-I, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
6. One CC to SRI Y.BALAJI, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
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DATED:04/07/2025

NOTE: LIST AFTER FOUR WEEKS.

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