

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MONDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 16018 OF 2026



Between:

1. D. Chandrasekhara Reddy, S/o D. Venkata Reddy, aged about 61 years, Occ: Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B), ATMS River Oak Apartment, Flat No.207, Block-C, Navodaya Colony, Tadepalle, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh -522501.
2. Government Engineers Welfare Association, Andhra Pradesh (Regd. No.202/2024), Rep. by its President, B. Nagi Reddy, S/o B. Musala Reddy, Aged about 57 years, D.No.3-5, Vanukuru Village, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Transport, Roads & Buildings Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi - Amaravati.520039
2. The Engineer-in-Chief (Administration), Roads & Buildings Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada - 520001

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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in continuing the temporary/in-charge arrangements in the Roads & Buildings Department for years together, contrary to the object of the A.P. State and

Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, and extending such arrangements to junior officers of certain zones while ignoring eligible senior officers of other zones including the 1st petitioner and similarly situated officers, as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the Respondents to ensure that any temporary promotions/in-charge arrangements, pending regular promotions, are made in a fair, transparent and proportionate manner among all zones by considering all eligible senior officers in accordance with law, and further direct the Respondents to consider and dispose of the representation dated 01.09.2025 submitted by the 2nd petitioner Association by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a time frame to be stipulated by this Honble Court.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents not to make any further in-charge arrangements, ad hoc promotions or temporary promotions based on the impugned arrangements, however, if such arrangements are found necessary in the interest of administration, the Respondents shall consider eligible officers from all zones in a fair and proportionate manner, having due regard to their seniority and eligibility, Pending disposal of WP 16018 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 1st respondent to consider and dispose of the representation dated 01.09.2025 submitted by the petitioner Association, in accordance with law, by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a time frame to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court, Pending disposal of WP 16018 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 3 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to consider the case of the 1st petitioner for promotion/placement to the post of Executive Engineer on ad hoc/in-charge basis against any of the existing vacant posts of Executive Engineer, particularly the vacancies presently available at Bhimavaram, Peddapuram and Kavali Roads & Buildings Divisions, strictly in accordance with his seniority, eligibility and the applicable rules, having regard to his impending retirement on 30.06.2026, Pending disposal of WP 16018 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 ANGURU MANOHAR, Advocate for the Petitioners, learned GP FOR ROADS & BUILDINGS for the Respondent Nos.1&2, the Court made the following **ORDER:**

The Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in continuing the temporary/in-charge arrangements in the Roads and Buildings Department in the cadre of Executive Engineers as contrary to the A.P. State & Subordinate Service Rules, 1996.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the persons who are far juniors to the Petitioners have been promoted on an ad-hoc basis as Executive Engineers under various proceedings and, apparently, there is no reason why the Petitioner is not being considered for further promotion on an ad-hoc basis.

In response, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-II submits that the integrated Seniority List of Deputy Executive Engineers and the consequential promotion panels prepared thereon were subjected to challenge before this Court, and it is in that context, regular promotions could not be effected. He further submits that C.C.No.189 of 2019, C.C.No.68 of 2020, and C.C.No.4004 of 2022 are pending before this Court.

Heard the learned counsels. In the light of the submissions made, the following interim order is passed:

- i) The Respondents shall examine the case of the Petitioner for promotion on an ad-hoc basis to the post of Executive Engineer as was given to others.
- ii) The Respondents are directed to file their Counter Affidavit by 20.07.2026.

SD/- P.SIVA SITA RAMA KUMAR
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Special Chief Secretary, Transport, Roads & Buildings
Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi - Amaravati.520039, State of
Andhra Pradesh (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Engineer-in-Chief (Administration), Roads & Buildings
Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada – 520001
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HIGH COURT

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DATED:22/06/2026

ORDER

WP.No.16018 of 2026

INTERIM DIRECTION

