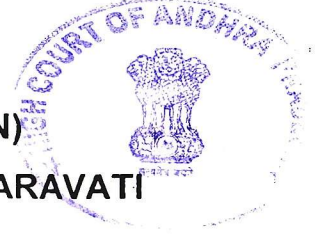


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)



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

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 16141 OF 2026

Between:

1. Mr. V.V. Appala Naidu, S/o. V. Varahalu Naidu, Aged about 60 yrs, Occ. CEO, (SETSRI) Society for Training & Employment Promotion, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District-532001
2. Mr.K.S.V. Kasi Visweswara Rao, S/o.K. Rama Rao, Aged about 60 yrs, Occ. CEO, (SEHRAJ) Society for Training & Employment Promotion, Kakinada, erstwhile East Godavari District-533005

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rept. by Principal Secretary, Finance (HR.IV.FR & LR) Department Secretariat, Velagapudi Guntur District- 522238
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rept. by its Spl. Chief Secretary, Youth Advancement Tourism & Culture (Sps & YS) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District- 522238
3. The Andhra Pradesh Society for Training & Employment Promotion (APSTEP), Rep. By its Managing Director, APSTEP, Door No 59A-21/7-1/2A, R.R Gardens, Opp. to Canara Bank (SME Branch), Patamata, Vijayawada Post, N T R Krishna District- 520010
4. The District Collector and Chairman, Society for Training & Employment Promotion (SETSRI), Srikakulam, Srikakulam District- 532001

5. The District Collector and Chairman, Society for Training & Employment Promotion (SETRAJ), Kakinada, erstwhile East Godavari District-533005

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through their Advocate Sri SAZID KALLUR presented this 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 order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus to declare the action on part of the respondents in trying to retire and relive the petitioners on 30.06.2026 on attaining the age of Sixty Years 60 instead of Sixty Two 62 years even though the Group of Ministers had recommended for extension of age for all the employees of the institutions mentioned in the IXth and Xth Schedule of the A.P. Re-Organization Act, 2014 communicated vide L.No. 1813129- HR-IV-FR 7 & LR dated 23.03.2026 and a decision is pending before respondent No.1 as Arbitrary, Illegal and also violation of Fundamental Rights guaranteed to us under Articles 14, 16, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 2nd Respondent to continue the Petitioners in service with all consequential benefits till a decision is taken by the respondent No. 1 in pursuant to the decision of the Group of Ministers dated 21.03.2026, constituted vide G.O. Rt. No. 1545 General Administration (Cabinet-1) Department, 22.08.2025;

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and memorandum of grounds filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri SAZID KALLUR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Finance Department for R1, R2, R4 and R5 directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Finance (HR.IV.FR & LR) Department Secretariat, Velagapudi Guntur District-522238

2. The Spl. Chief Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Youth Advancement Tourism & Culture (Sps & YS) Department, A P Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District- 522238
3. The Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Society for Training & Employment Promotion (APSTEP), APSTEP, Door No 59A-21/7-1/2A, R.R Gardens, Opp. to Canara Bank (SME Branch), Patamata, Vijayawada Post, N T R Krishna District- 520010
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are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted on or before 17.07.2026 for which date the case stands posted for hearing.

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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 2nd Respondent to continue the Petitioners in service with all consequential benefits till a decision is taken by the respondent No. 1 in pursuant to the decision of the Group of Ministers dated 21.03.2026, constituted vide G.O. Rt. No. 1545 General Administration (Cabinet-1) Department, 22.08.2025, pending disposal of WP No. 16141 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following: ORDER

1. Notice before admission, returnable in four weeks.
2. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of Respondents in trying to retire the Petitioners on attaining age of 60 years, as illegal and arbitrary.

3. The Petitioners are employees of the Respondent-Corporation and are working in various capacities. While so, as per the service regulations of the Respondent-Corporation, the age of superannuation for the employees is 60 years.

4. While so, the State Government had amended the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 vide G.O.Ms.No.15, (Finance (HR.IV-FR&LR) Department), dated 31.01.2022 enhancing the age of superannuation for State Government employees alone. Subsequently, a committee of group of ministers was constituted by the State Government vide G.O.Rt.No.1545, (General Administration (Cabinet-1) Department), dated 22.08.2025 with regard to the enhancement of age of superannuation of regular employees working in A.P. Public Sector Undertaking Companies/Corporations/Societies included in Schedule IX and X of Andhra Pradesh State Bifurcation Act, 2014.

5. As per the Letter No.1813129-HR IV,FR&LR, dated 23.03.2026 issued by the Finance Department, it was submitted that the committee of 'group of ministers' had recommended to enhance the age of superannuation of regular employees working in A.P. Public Sector Undertaking Companies/Corporations/Societies from 60 to 62 years. It is on the strength of this recommendation; the Petitioners are seeking for continuation of their services up to the age of 62 years.

6. Learned Standing Counsel for the Respondent-Corporation submitted that though there is a recommendation made by the committee of 'group of ministers', no decision has been taken by the State Government nor any amendment was made to the rules for enhancement of the age of superannuation of regular employees working in A.P. Public Sector Undertaking Companies/Corporations/Societies as on date. It was further submitted that, as on date, the age of superannuation of the regular employees working in the corporations is 60 years and the Petitioners are not

entitled to seek for enhancement of age of superannuation upto 62 years until the rules are actually amended.

7. Heard the counsels.

8. As the committee of 'group of ministers' had already recommended for enhancement of age of superannuation for regular employees of the Respondent-Corporation among other institutions up to the age of 62 years and as the State Government has seized the issue, at this stage, the Petitioners would be at loss, in the event, if the recommendation made by the committee of 'group of ministers' for enhancement of age of superannuation is accepted by the State Government as they would have to be retired from service.

9. Therefore, pending further orders, there shall be an interim order as under:-

(i) The Respondent-Corporation is directed to continue the Petitioners in service till the State Government takes a decision on the recommendation given by the committee of 'Group of Ministers', who were constituted vide G.O.Rt.No.1545, (General Administration(Cabinet-1) Department), dated 22.08.2025.

(ii) The Respondent-Corporation is entitled to continue/discharge the services of the Petitioners in terms of the decision of the State Government.

10. Post along with W.P.No.14715 of 2026 on 17.07.2026.

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SD/- K.R.V.S.SUBHRAHMANYAM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Finance (HR.IV.FR & LR) Department Secretariat, Velagapudi Guntur District-522238 (by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)

2. The Spl. Chief Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Youth Advancement Tourism & Culture (Sps & YS) Department, A P Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District- 522238. (addressee 1 and 2 by **Special Messenger** - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
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6. One CC to SRI. SAZID KALLUR Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES I, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. The Section Officer, Posting Section, High Court of A.P.
9. One spare copy.

HIGH COURT

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DATED:25/06/2026

POST ALONG WITH W.P.NO.14715 OF 2026 ON 17.07.2026

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INTERIM ORDER