

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

**MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI
WRIT PETITION NO: 16070 OF 2025**



Between:

Piniseti Venkata Swamy, S/o late Ranganadha Swamy, Aged about 49 years, Cultivation, Distributor Committee Chairman, Water Users Association, Razole, R/o D.No. 1-35, Sivakodu, Razole Mandal, Dr.Ambedkar Konaseema District.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary (Water Resources) Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
2. The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, A.P. Secretariat, 4th Block, 1st Floor, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
3. The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Godavari Delta System, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District.
4. Special Commissioner, Command Area Development Authority (CADA), Water Resources Department. 3rd Floor, Vaisya Bhavan, Hanumanpet, Vijayawada, NTR District.
5. The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District.
6. Executive Engineer, Godavari Central Division, Amalapuram, Dr B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District.
7. Challa Durga Surya Ramaa Venkata Ratnam, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Aged about 30 Years, R/o D.No. 6-20, Near Cinema Hall Centre, Sakhinipalli, Razole Mandal, Dr B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to pass an Order or a Direction or a Writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus by declaring the action of the 5th Respondent herein in passing an impugned order under Proceedings No. SE/IC/DOW/OT/AEE1/F.38/WUA Razole/1160 M dt. 27/06/2025 in removing me from the posts of Territorial Constituency (TC)- member 4 and President of Water Users Association, Razole and president of Distributory Committee of Water Users Association, Razole on the ground of having three children without following the Rules mandated under Andhra Pradesh Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 1997 as arbitrary, autocratic, illegal, ultra vires and against the principles of natural justice consequently direct the Respondents 1 to 7 herein not to remove me from the above mentioned posts of Territorial Constituency (TC)- member 4 in Water Users Association, Razole and President of Distributory Committee of Water Users Association, Razole and President of Water Users Association, Razole without due process of law in the interests of justice;

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 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 pass an interim order by way of suspension by suspending the impugned Order passed by the 5th Respondent herein under Proceedings No. SE/IC/DOW/OT/AEE1/F.38/WUA Razole/1160 M dt. 27/06/2025, Pending disposal of WP 16070 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 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 pass an order by suspending the impugned Memo No. SE/IC/DOW/OT/AEE1/F.38(CC Razole WUA)/281GC, Dt. 31.07.2025 passed by the 5th Respondent herein, Pending disposal of WP 16070 of 2025, 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 CHANDRA SEKHAR ILAPAKURTI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR IRR AND CAD for Respondent Nos.1 to 6 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

Sri S.Shanti Prasad, learned counsel for the respondents sought two weeks time.

In reply, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in the meantime, the respondents may take any coercive steps as the petitioner is holding the post as on today.

This Court is not inclined to go in the aspect as to who is holding the post. However, to meet the ends of justice, this Court is inclined to pass the following interim order:

“There shall be an order of status quo to be maintained as on today”.

Post on 22.06.2026.

Sd/-K.J.Raja Babu,
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, (Water Resources) Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District. (by **Special Messenger**)
2. The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, A.P. Secretariat, 4th Block, 1st Floor, Velagapudi, Guntur District. (by **Special Messenger**)
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 8. One CC to SRI. CHANDRA SEKHAR ILAPAKURTI Advocate [OPUC]
 9. Two CCs to GP FOR IRRI AND CAD, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
 10. One spare copy
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HIGH COURT

RC,J

DATED:20/04/2026

Post on 22.06.2026

ORDER

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