

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

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY ✓
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND ✓
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBHENDU SAMANTA ✓**

**IA No. 1 OF 2026
IN
WP NO: 1252 OF 2026**

Between:

J.Mahesh, S/o (Late) Veramsetti, Aged 48 years, Chief Legal Aid
Defence Counsel, O/o District Legal Services Authority,
Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District, R/o D.NO.13-3-10/1A,
Gonimadathala Street, Radham Gate Right, Side 2nd Street,
Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.

...Petitioner

(Petitioner in WP 1252 OF 2026
on the file of High Court)

AND

1. Union of India, Rep. by its the Chief Secretary, Department of Law and Justice, Sastry Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.
2. The National Legal Services Authority, Rep. by its Member Secretary, Jam Nagar House, New Delhi-110011.
3. The Andhra Pradesh State Legal Service Authority, Rep. by its Chairman, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati-522238.
4. The District Legal Service Authority, Through the Member Secretary, District Court, Rajamahendravaram-533101.

...Respondents

(Respondents in-do-)

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the
circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the

High Court may be pleased to direct the 4th respondent to continue the petitioner as Legal Aid Defence Counsel by suspending the letter vide Roc.No.49-E1/APSLSA/LSw/2022, dated 16.12.2025 and the consequential notification No.03/2025, dated 18.12.2025, pending disposal of WP No.1252 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 the order of the High Court dated: 19.01.2026 & 04.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri MANOJ KUMAR BETHAPUDI, Advocate for the Petitioners, Sri NIRANJAN, STANDING COUNSEL for the Respondent No.1, Sri S. LAXMINARAYANA REDDY, Learned STANDING COUNSEL (APSLSA), for Respondent No.3, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

List along with W.P.Nos.642 & 691 of 2026, on 18.03.2026.

Interim order granted earlier by this Court, shall stands extended for a further period of four (04) weeks. ✓

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**SD/- M.PRABHAKARA RAO
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. One CC to Sri. MANOJ KUMAR BETHAPUDI, Advocate [OPUC]
2. One CC to Sri. NIRANJAN, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
3. One CC to Sri S. LAXMINARAYANA REDDY, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
4. Two spare copies ✓

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HIGH COURT

**DEV, J
&
SS, J**

DATED:25.02.2026.

LIST ALONG WITH W.P.NOS.642 & 691 OF 2026, ON 18.03.2026.

ORDER

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INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED

