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

TUESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JULY 2026

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 18091 OF 2026



Between:

R. Sudarsan, S/o Krishna Murthy, aged about 61 years, working as Chief Executive Officer, V.Kota Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credit Society, V.Kota Mandal, Chittoor District.-51742

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District.-522238
2. The District Cooperative Central Bank, Chittoor, Chittoor District rep. by its Chief Executive Officer.-517001
3. The District Level Empowered Committee, Chittoor, Chittoor District, rep. by its Convener, O/o Chittoor District Cooperative Central Bank, Chittoor.-517001
4. The Divisional Co-operative Officer, Chittoor, Chittoor District.-517001
5. V.Kota Primary Agriculture, Cooperative Credit Society rep. by its Person In-charge, V.Kota Mandal, Chittoor District.-517424

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate SRI L J VEERA REDDY, 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 or any other appropriate

writ declaring the impugned termination order passed by the 2nd respondent in Rc.No.RMC/DLEC/5/2026-27 dt. 17-06-2026 without any consideration and without enquiry and without application of mind as illegal, unjust, arbitrary, discriminatory, unconstitutional and violative Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Cooperative Societies Act, 1964, and consequently set- aside the impugned termination order passed by the 2nd respondent in Rc.No.RMC/DLEC/5/2026-27 dt. 17-06-2026 in so far as the petitioner is concerned with further direction to the Respondents to continue the petitioner in service up to the age of 62 years with all consequential service benefits in the 5th respondent society;

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri L J VEERA REDDY, Advocate for the Petitioner, learned GP FOR AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION for the Respondent Nos.1&4 and of Sri S. VIJAY KUMAR, Standing Counsel for the Respondent Nos.2&3 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 Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District.-522238, State of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, District Cooperative Central Bank, Chittoor, Chittoor District-517001
3. The District Level Empowered Committee, Chittoor, Chittoor District, rep. by its Convener, O/o Chittoor District Cooperative Central Bank, Chittoor.-517001
4. The Divisional Co-operative Officer, Chittoor, Chittoor District.-517001
5. The Person In-Charge, V.Kota Primary Agriculture, Cooperative Credit Society V.Kota Mandal, Chittoor District.-517424

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.

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 suspend the impugned termination order passed by the respondent in Rc.No.RMC/DLEC/5/2026-27 dt. 17-06-2026 in so far as the petitioner is concerned, pending disposal of WP No. 18091 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following ORDER:

Issue Notice to the Respondents.

The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in not extending the benefit of the enhanced age of superannuation from 60 to 62 years to the Petitioner pursuant to the resolutions of the Executive Committee as well as the General Body of the Respondent-Society, and to declare the same as illegal and arbitrary.

The Petitioner is an employee of the Respondent-Society. A resolution was passed on 07.05.2024 by the Society to enhance the age of superannuation from 60 to 62 years. However, without considering the resolution of the Society, the Chief Executive Officer/Member Convener of Chittor District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, passed the impugned order dated 17.06.2026, terminating the services of the Petitioner as he is working beyond the age of 60 years. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

The learned Government Pleader submits that the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.649 of 2024 had passed an interim order on 11.09.2024 suspending the order of the learned Single Judge with regard to the same relief.

Heard the respective counsel.

The learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that though the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.649 of 2024 had stayed the enhancement of age of superannuation of 62 years, the distinguishable factor in this case is that the General Body as well as the Executive Committee of the Respondent-Society had resolved to enhance the age of its employees on par with the Government employees i.e., 62 years. Apart from that Rule 28(7) of the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Societies Rules enables the Society to enhance the age of its employees on par with the Government employees.

In W.A.No.649 of 2024, the interim orders were passed at the instance of the Co-operative Society which did not pass any General Body or Executive Committee resolution as done in this case. Apart from that the impugned Orders are without any authority as Chief Executive Officer of the Chittor District Cooperative Central Bank Limited has no administrative control of Respondent Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credit Society.

In that view, there shall be interim order as under;

(i) The Respondents shall continue the Petitioner till he attains the age of 62 years pending further orders.

Post this matter along with W.P.No.16400 of 2026.

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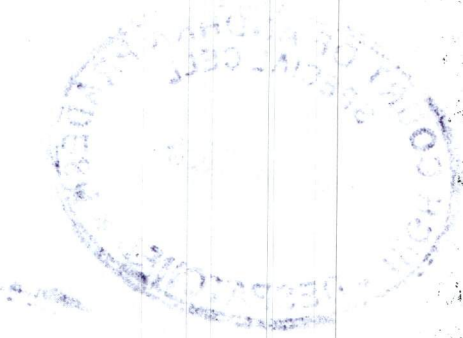
SD/- K.R.V.S.SUBHRAHMANYAM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Fo SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District.-522238, State of Andhra Pradesh. (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
2. The Chief Executive Officer, District Cooperative Central Bank, Chittoor, Chittoor District-517001
3. The District Level Empowered Committee, Chittoor, Chittoor District, rep. by its Convener, O/o Chittoor District Cooperative Central Bank, Chittoor.-517001
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5. The Person In-Charge, V.Kota Primary Agriculture, Cooperative Credit Society V.Kota Mandal, Chittoor District.-517424 (Addressee Nos.2 to 5 by SPEED POST- along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
6. One CC to SRI. L J VEERA REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. One CC to SRI S. VIJAY KUMAR, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
9. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

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DATED:07/07/2026

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WP.No.18091 of 2026

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