

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

**TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JULY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

WRIT PETITION NO: 16986 OF 2025



Between:

Mendem Swetha, D/o. Mendem Balasundaram, aged about 28 years, Occ:
Village Agricultural Assistant, R/o. Vissanapadu village, Vissanapadu
Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District
2. The Director, Grama Sachivalayam and Ward Sachivalayam Dept. Jawahar Auto Nagar, Vijayawada.
3. The Collector and District Magistrate, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
4. District Agriculture Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam
5. District Agriculture Officer, NTR District.
6. District Agriculture Officer, Eluru District.
7. Shakamudi Vijaya Lakshmi, D/o. Unknown, Vutukuru-II Secretariat, Gampalagudem mandal NTR District. Also at Munukulla-I, Tiruvuru mandal, NTR District.
8. Alavala Pavan Kalyan, S/o. Unknown Kanuru-III Secretariat, YSR Tadigadapa mandal, Krishna District. Also at Kokilampadu Secreatraiat Tiruvuru mandal NTR District.

9. Uppu Srinu, S/o.Unknown Vissannapet-I Secretariat, Vissannapeta mandal NTR District. Also at Repudi Secretariat, A konduru mandal, NTR 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 issue a writ, order or direction, more particularly a writ in the nature of Mandamus, declaring the action of Respondent No.4 in issuing Proceedings Rc.No.A2/05/2025 dated 30.06.2025, in contravention of the transfer guidelines prescribed under G.O.Ms.No.5, dated 12.06.2025, issued by the Gram Secretariat and Ward Secretariat (GSWS) Department, and Circular letter No.2866243/F(HR)/GSWS/2025, dated 16.06.2025 issued by Respondent No.2 as arbitrary, illegal, and without jurisdiction and also violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed to the petitioner under Articles 14, 16, and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently, direct the respondents to conduct fresh counseling or post the petitioner at one of their preferred locations;

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 writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend the operation and effect of Proceedings bearing Rc.No.A2/05/2025 dated 30.06.2025, pending disposal of WP.No.16986 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 writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to stay the transfer of the petitioner from Munukulla-II Secretariat, Tiruvuru Mandal, presently NTR District to Alinekhipalem Secretariat, Pamidimukkala Mandal, Krishna District

pursuant to Proceeding bearing Rc.No.A2/05/2025 dated 30.06.2025 issued by Respondent No.4, pending disposal of WP.No.16986 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 M/s Chukka Harika, Advocate for the Petitioner and GP for Agriculture for the Respondent Nos.1, 2 & 4 to 6 and GP for Revenue for the Respondent No.3, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

“Learned Government Pleader for Services-II takes notice for the official respondents and seeks time to get instructions.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that as per G.O.Ms.No.5, Department of Grama Sachivalayams and Ward Sachivalayams, dated 12.06.2025, in particular, clause 7(v) thereof, transfers are supposed to be undertaken and effected by District Collectors of erstwhile Districts/Appointing Authorities, but in the present case, the impugned transfer orders have been issued by 4th respondent-District Agriculture Officer, who is not the Appointing Authority, and hence, the transfers are without jurisdiction.

Learned Government Pleader for Services-II seeks time to make submissions on jurisdictional issue as well.

List the matter along with W.P.No.16981 of 2025 on 15.07.2025 in the Adjourned Motion List.

Meanwhile, respondents are directed to maintain status quo with regard to the impugned transfers.”

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For

**SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Department of Agriculture Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District (by **Special Messenger**)
2. The Director, Grama Sachivalayam and Ward Sachivalayam Dept. Jawahar Auto Nagar, Vijayawada.
3. The Collector and District Magistrate, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
4. The District Agriculture Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam
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10. One CC to M/s Chukka Harika, Advocate [OPUC]
11. Two CCs to GP for Agriculture, High Court of Andhra Pradesh.
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12. Two CCs to GP for Revenue, High Court of AP [OUT]
13. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

CGR,J

DATED:08/07/2025

**LIST THE MATTER ALONG WITH W.P.No.16981 OF 2025 ON
15.07.2025 IN THE ADJOURNED MOTION LIST**

ORDER

WP.No.16986 of 2025

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