

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D RAMESH

WRIT PETITION NO: 17243 OF 2025

Between:

K. Krishna Murthy, S/o. Sanyasi, Aged about 56 years, Occ Assistant Commandant (APSP), Presently working on deputation in Special Protection Force Vijayawada.

... Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep by its Principal Secretary to Government Home Department, Secretariat Velagapudi, Guntur District.
2. The Director General of Police, A P Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
3. The Inspector General of Police, APSP Battalions, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
4. Sri A.N. Ranga Babu, S/o. Not Known, Aged about 56 years, Occ Assistant Commandant, Octopus, Vaddeswaram, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
5. Sri D. Venkateswara Rao, S/o. Not Known, Aged about 57 years, Occ Assistant Commandant, 6th Battalion, APSP Mangalagiri, Guntur District
6. Sri K Rambabu, S/o. K. Srirarnulu, Aged about 58 years, Occ Assistant Commandant, Intelligence Security Wing, Atmakur, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
7. Sri Ch. Peter, S/o. Not Known, Aged about 57 years, Occ Assistant Commandant APSP 14th Battalion, Anantapur District.

8. K, Ramachandra Murthy, S/o Nageswara Rao, Aged about 58 Years, Occ Additional Supdt of Police , Octopus, Flat no 206, 3rd Floor, B.R Tower Sreesaila Nagar, Atmakuru, Mangalagiri, Guntur Rural -522503.
9. P.Sashikanth , S/o P.Nagappa, Aged about 58 Years, Occ Additional Commandant, Grey Hounds, Officers barrack Grey Hounds Regional HQ Kapuluppada Post, PB No 1 Bheemunipatnam Mandal Vishakapatnam 530041.
10. D.Udaya Bhaskar , S/o D,Venkateswara rao, Aged about 59 Years, Occ Commandant, A.P Police , Plot no 57,3A Divya Mansion Kalyan Nagar, Hyderabad 500018.

Respondent Nos.8 to 10 impleaded as per Court Order dated 05.05.2026 vide IA.No.1 of 2026 in WP.No.17243 of 2025

..... 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 one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the order of 3rd respondent, in Rc.No. A1/126/2014/HOO No. 302/2025, dated 26.06.2025 where under the settled seniority of RSIs was revised and Respondents 4 to 7 were shown over and above the petitioner, being bad, illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, without considering the objections placed on 22.02.2025 and 21.06.2025, and in gross violation of principles of natural justice and offends Articles 14 and 16 of Constitution of India and consequentially to set aside the same and to direct to act up on the seniority and merit as per the final seniority of Reserve Sub-Inspectors communicated in Rc.No. 581/A1/96 dated 23.06.1999 as per Ex. 14 and 15 in W.P.No. 5323/2018

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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 suspend the operation of the order of 3rd respondent, in Rc.No. A1/126/2014/HOO No. 302/2025, dated 26.06.2025, including further promotions to the post of Additional Commandant, Pending disposal of WP 17243 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 V V N NARASIMHAM Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HOME for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3, the Court made the following.

ORDER

The present writ petition is filed aggrieved by the senility list prepared on 26.06.2025 of three batches of Reserve Sub Inspectors in A.P.S.P battalion who were appointed in the years 1991, 1992 and 1993.

2. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that though the respondents have prepared the seniority list based on the final marks in the selections, but the same is contrary to the final seniority list dated 23.06.1999. According to the said list, the petitioner K. Krishna Murthy was selected under B.C.A quota as he got 147.79 marks. Whereas the 4th respondent has got 143.72, 5th respondent got 143.46, 6th respondent got 141.46 and 7th respondent got 139.26 marks, but surprisingly in this case, the respondents have placed the petitioner at Sl.No.48 referring the marks as 149.26 and the unofficial respondents were placed at Sl.No.37, 39, 41, and 47 showing their marks as 144.06, 143.46, 142.13 and 139.26. The same is contrary to the earlier seniority list. Only to deprive the petitioner, the present seniority list was prepared reducing the marks placing the unofficial respondents above the petitioner.

3. After notice, the respondent-State has filed the counter. In the counter, it has taken a stand that as the petitioner and another Krishna

Murthy were selected in the same selection, whereas the said Krishna Murthy who was appointed under B.C.A category has got 147.79 marks but the petitioner has got only 139 marks. Subsequently, the said Krishna Murthy has relinquished his appointment. To the said fact, the learned counsel for the petitioner requested short time to file reply.

4. I.A.No.1 of 2026 is filed by the persons who are working as Additional Commandants and Commandants those who are eligible and entitled for the promotions to the post of Commandant and D.I.G.

5. Considering the facts of the case, this Court has passed an interim order on 10.07.2025 directing the respondent-authorities not to proceed with any further promotions. By virtue of the said orders, the respondent-authorities have stalled the entire promotions including the promotions from the post of Additional Commandants to Commandants and Commandants to D.I.G. Hence, they are directly affected by virtue of the interim order dated 10.07.2025. Hence, the parties have filed the implead petition and vacate stay petitions.

6. Considering the submissions and on perusal of the record, no doubt that there is some distinctions and differences in the seniority list which was prepared and finalized on 23.06.1999 and the present impugned order dated 26.06.2025 was issued.

7. As far as the averments made in the counter is concerned, when it is a factual aspect, learned counsel for the petitioner sought time to file reply and also on perusal of the interim order dated 10.07.2025 as the issue involved only with regard to the Assistant Commandants to Additional Commandants, the above said interim order dated 10.07.2025 is modified clarifying that the respondents may effect the promotions to the post of Additional Commandants to Commandants and also all other posts but as far as the post of Assistant Commandant to Additional Commandant, the respondents are directed to keep one post vacant.

8. List after summer vacations, 2026 for filing counter.

K.V.R. 20.11.2025
SDI-K.V.RAGHAVULU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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To,

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HIGH COURT

DR, J

DATED:05/05/2026

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DIRECTION

