

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH : AMARAVATI**MAIN CASE: W.P. (PIL) No. 200 of 2021****PROCEEDINGS SHEET**

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1.	22.09.2021	<i>(Through Video-Conferencing)</i> Heard Mr. Y. Balaji, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. S. Sri Ram, learned Advocate General, appearing for respondent Nos.1 & 3 and Mr. S. S. Prasad, learned Senior Counsel, appearing for respondent No.2. By an order dated 08.08.2021 vide G.O.Ms.No.213, Revenue (Endts.III) Department, Sri Y. V. Subba Reddy was appointed as Chairman, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams Board. Thereafter, in continuation of the aforesaid order, vide G.O.Ms.No.245, dated 15.09.2021, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 96 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 (Act 30 of 1987) (for short ' the Act, 1987') as amended, the Government of Andhra Pradesh appointed 28 members to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board. Mr. Y. Balaji has submitted that the aforesaid G.Os. have been issued in accordance with Section 96 (1) of the Act of 1987, as amended, which stipulates that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board can consists not more than 29 members including Chairman. The grievance expressed by the petitioner is that subsequently vide G.O.Rt.No.568 dated 15.09.2021, the Government nominated two persons as Special Invitees to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board, for a period conterminous with the tenure of the Board with conditions that the Special Invitees will not have any	

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		voting right, while passing resolutions in the Board and that the Special Invitees will be given protocol on par with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Trust Board members. G.O.Rt.No.569 dated 15.09.2021 was also issued nominating 50 persons as Special Invitees to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board giving privileges on par with members of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Trust Board. It is submitted by Mr. Y. Balaji that the aforesaid two G.Os. are illegal, arbitrary and they have been issued in violation of Section 96 of the Act of 1987. Mr. S. Sri Ram submits that it is evident that Special Invitees are not members of the Board and therefore, there is no illegality in issuing the aforesaid impugned G.Os. He also submitted that there are previous instances of Special Invitees being nominated to the Board. Mr. S. S. Prasad submits that since no representation was filed before approaching this Court, this Public Interest Litigation is liable to be dismissed. Issue notice, returnable in four (4) weeks. On due consideration, we are of the prima facie opinion that the orders in G.O.Rt.No.568, Revenue (Endts.III) Department, dt.15.09.2021 and G.O.Rt.No.569, Revenue (Endts.III) Department, dt. 15.09.2021 are not in accordance with Section 96 (1) of the Act of 1987, as there is no provision for Special Invitees in Section 96 of the Act and therefore, the impugned G.Os. shall remain suspended, until further orders. ARUP KUMAR GOSWAMI, CJ NINALA JAYASURYA, J BLV	

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