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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

TUESDAY, THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 19064 OF 2026



Between:

D. Ramaswamy, S/o. Dora Swamy, Aged about 59 years., R/o. D.No. 20-2-628/B, Maruthi Nagar, Korlakunta., Tirupati- 517 501.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by is Principal Secretary, Endowments Department, Secretariat Buildings., Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District- 522 238.
2. The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Rep. by its Executive Officer., TTD Administrative Buildings, K. T. Road., Tirupati- 518 501.
3. The Joint Executive Officer (Health and Education), Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, TTD Administrative Buildings, K.T. Road., Tirupati- 517 501.
4. The Special Officer, S.V. Recording Project., Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam TTD Administrative Buildings, K.T. Road., Tirupati- 517 501..
5. Sri Lakshmi Srinivasa Manpower Corporation, Rep. by its Chief Executive Officer., SVBC Studio., North Section., TTD Administrative Buildings, K.T. Road., Tirupati- 517 501.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his/her Advocate V V N NARASIMHAM 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 declaring the action in

proceeding to superannuate the petitioner w.e.f. 31-07-2026 on the ground of attaining the age of 60 years, though he is entitled to be continued upto 62 years as per amendment made to the A.P. Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act 1984 vide G.O.Ms.No. 15 Finance (HR, IV-FR and LR) Department dated 31-01 2022 which rule is made applicable to the services under Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam as per Rule 12 of Service Rules as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India, consequently direct the respondents to continue his service upto attaining the age of 62 in the interests of justice.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents herein to continue the petitioner in service till attaining the age of 62 years for superannuation pending disposal of the writ petition and Pending disposal of WP 19064 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of V V N NARASIMHAM Advocate for the Petitioner(s), GP FOR SERVICES II Advocate for the Respondent(s) and the Court made the following.

ORDER

1. Sri Srinivas, learned Standing Counsel appearing for TTD takes notice for Respondent Nos.2 to 5.

2. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the inaction of the Respondents in enhancing the age of superannuation of the Petitioner from 60 to 62 years, as illegal and arbitrary.

3. The Petitioner was initially selected as a Recording Engineering on 04.04.2010 on contract basis and posted at S.V.F.M Radio Station, Tirupathi and has been continuing ever-since. The Respondent No.4 orally informed to the Petitioner that he will be relieved from service on 31.07.2026 on attaining the age of 60 years. Hence, the present Writ Petition is filed.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that similarly placed persons were continued in service till they attain age of 62 years on par with Government employees and forcing the Petitioner to retire on attaining an age of 60 years cannot be sustained.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader relied on the Judgment passed by the Division Bench of this Court in W.P.No.21294 of 2023 and a Judgment passed by a coordinate bench of this Court in W.P.No.13850 of 2024 and submitted that the Petitioner is not entitled for continuation of his service up-to the age of 62 years.

6. Heard the counsels.

7. The Division Bench of this Court in W.P.No.21294 of 2023 had rejected the claim of the contract employee seeking for extension of his service up-to the age of 62 years on par with Government employees. However, the Division Bench noted that the Respondents can re-engage the services of the Petitioner, in the event if he was found fit, if they desire. A similar order of similar nature was passed by a coordinate bench of this Court in W.P.No.13850 of 2024.

8. In the light of the orders referred above, it is pertinent to note that certain individuals have been re-engaged into their services and have been continuing in their services.

9. Therefore, pending further orders, there shall be an interim order as under:- (i) The Respondents are directed to consider the case of the Petitioner for continuation of service of the Petitioner till he attains the age of 62 years, on par with similarly placed persons.

10. Post along with W.P.No.18921 of 2026.

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SD/- N.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Endowments Department, Secretariat Buildings., Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District- 522 238. (by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. One CC to SRI. V V N NARASIMHAM Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to GP FOR ENDOWMENTS ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
4. One CC to Sri S.SRINVAS, Standing Counsel for TTD, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
5. **One spare copy.**

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ORDER

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