

(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 18802 OF 2025



Between:

1. Kaila Bala Krishna, S/o. Jnana Sundara Rao, aged about 60 years, OccDeputy Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, O/o. PIU Sub-Division, Jangareddigudem, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. Reddy Venugopala Reddy, S/o. Malla Reddy, aged about 58 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, O/o. PIU Sub-Division, Podili, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Bariki Rajanna, S/o. B. Sankarappa, aged about 58 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, O/o Sub-Division, Kalyanadurgam, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh.
4. Sanapala Ramakrishna, S/o. Late S. Latchanna, aged about 56 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, O/o. QA QC Sub. Division, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat,

Velagapudi Village, Thulluri Mandal, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

2. The Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, ZP Compound, Opp PWD Ground, Bandar Road, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh 520002.
3. P.Sumana,, W/o. J.Venkata Sridhar, aged about 52 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub - Division, Nellore-I, S.P.S. Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.
4. S. Anitha,, W/o. J. Hanumantha Rao, aged about 53 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer,, PRI Sub Division, Puthalapattu, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.

Respondent Nos.3 and 4 impleaded as per Court Order dated 04.08.2025 vide IA.No.2 of 2025 in WP.No.18802 of 2025.

...Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named through their Advocate Sri SRINIVASA RAO BODDULURI presented this 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 an order, direction or writ. more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in fixing the seniority of Deputy Executive Engineers of the Panchayati Raj Engineering Department through Memo No.Ser.I(1)/6969/2013 dated 05.08.2020, Memo No.Ser.II (1)/6970/2013 dated 04.08.2020, Memo No.Ser.III(1)/7703/2013 dated 07.08.2020, Memo No. Ser.IV(1)/6970/2013 dated 07.08.2020, Memo No. Ser.I(1)/2013 dated 25.02.2025, Memo No. Ser.II(1)/6970/2013 dated 19.02.2025, Memo No. Ser.III(1)/77031/2013 dated 24.02.2025 and Memo No. Ser.IV(1)/6970/2013 dated 11.03.2025, for zones I to IV, respectively basing on Memo No. PRR01-PREOESTT(MISC)/14/2019 ESTT.I, dated 09.05.2019 and in utter

violation of Rule 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayati Raj and Rural Development y. Engineering Service Rules, 1999, as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently set aside the Memo No. PRR01-PREOESTT(MISC)/14/2019 ESTT.I, dated 09.05.2019 and the seniority lists of the Deputy Executive Engineers as confirmed by the Respondents in Memo No. Ser.I(1)/6969/2013 dated 05.08.2020, Memo No.Ser.II(1)/6970/2013 dated 04.08.2020, Memo 5 No.Ser.III(1)/7703/2013 dated 07.08.2020, Memo No. Ser.IV(1)/6970/2013 dated 07.08.2020, Memo No. Ser.I(1)/2013 dated 25.02.2025, Memo No. Ser.II(1)/6970/2013 dated 19.02.2025, Memo No. Ser.III(1)/77031/2013 dated 24.02.2025 and Memo No. Ser.IV(1)/6970/2013 dated 11.03.2025, for zones I to IV, respectively and recast the same strictly in accordance with Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Engineering Service Rules;

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Srinivasa Rao Bodduluri, Advocate for the Petitioners and GP for Services for the Respondent Nos.1 & 2, 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 Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi Village, Thulluri Mandal, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, ZP Compound, Opp PWD Ground, Bandar Road, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh 520002.
3. P.Sumana, W/o. J.Venkata Sridhar, aged about 52 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub - Division, Nellore-I, S.P.S. Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.

4. S. Anitha, W/o. J. Hanumantha Rao, aged about 53 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub Division, Puthalapattu, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.

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 19.08.2025 for which date the case stands posted for hearing;

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 direct the respondents not to effect promotions to the post of Executive Engineers, pending disposal of WP No.18802 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

“Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners.

The grievance of the Petitioners is that the seniority list is not in consonance with the ratio fixed for promotions among Assistant Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers to the post of Deputy Executive Engineer, which has to be maintained in the ratio of 3:1.

Learned counsel for the Petitioners specifically pointed out to Panel year 2016- 17 vis-a-vis the promotion of one P.Sumana, who has been promoted as Deputy Executive Engineer.

The promotion of Assistant Engineer in the quota specified for Assistant Executive Engineer as per recruitment process prima facie appears to be erroneous.

However, as the issue is with regard to final seniority list, Issue notice to Respondents.

Learned counsel for the Petitioners is permitted to take out personal notice to unofficial Respondents by RPAD and file proof of service in the Registry.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader to file counter within two weeks.

List on 19.08.2025."

SD/- B.PRASAD RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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For

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi Village, Thulluri Mandal, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
(by **Special Messenger**)
2. The Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, ZP Compound, Opp PWD Ground, Bandar Road, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh 520002.
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4. S. Anitha,, W/o. J. Hanumantha Rao, aged about 53 years, Occ Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub Division, Puthalapattu, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh. (Addressee Nos.2 to 4 by **RPAD**- along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
5. One CC to Sri. Srinivasa Rao Bodduluri, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP for Services I, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

VN,J

DATED:04/08/2025

LIST ON 19.08.2025

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DIRECTION

