



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

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THURSDAY, THE 30th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE TARLADA RAJASEKHAR RAO

WRIT PETITION No. 23439/2022

BETWEEN:

1.URIMI PENCHALA RATNAM, S/o. U. NARASIMHULU, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS, OCC: UN-EMPLOYEE, R/o. D.No.11-1-368, MAIN BAZAR, PORUMAMILLA ROAD, BADVEL MUNICIPALITY, BADVEL, KADAPA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2.THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, NTR TGP CIRCLE, KADAPA DISTRICT.

3.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, YSR KADAPA, KADAPA DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 Orders or Directions more particularly one in nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the Speaking ORDER- SE/NTR TGP/KDP/AB/EC.5/6 11M, dt. 08-09-2020 rejecting the case of the petitioners as not entitled for appointment under Displaced Persons Quota under SPVBR on the ground of that the application is filed belatedly after 18.09.2006 i.e cutoff date as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, contrary to the orders passed

in W.P.No.19065/2022, dated 19.07.2022 and violative of Article 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of the India and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner under the Displaced Persons Quota as per G.O.Ms.No.98, dated 15.04.1986 by including the name in the seniority list of the Displaced Persons Quota in the interest of justice and pass such other order or orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.CHUKKA KRANTHI KIRAN

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR SERVICES I

2.GP FOR SERVICES II

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ Order or Orders or Directions more particularly one in nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the Speaking Order SE/NTR TGP/KDP/AB/EC 5/6 11M dated 08.09.2020 rejecting the case of the petitioner as not entitled for appointment under Displaced Persons Quota under SPVBR on the ground of that the application is filed belatedly after 18.09.2006 i.e., cutoff date as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, contrary to the orders passed in W.P.No. 19065 of 2022 dated 19.07.2022 and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner under the Displaced Persons Quota as per G.O.Ms.No. 98 dated 15.04.1986 by including the name in the seniority list of the Displaced Persons Quota.

2. Heard Sri Chokka Kranthi Kiran, learned counsel for petitioner and learned Government Pleaders for Services-I & II appearing for the respondents.

3. The petitioner, their family members, and the villagers are displaced persons due to the inundation of the Sri Madvirt Pothuluri Veera Bramendra Swamy Reservoir, Telugu Ganga Project and the land acquisition officers issued an award vide 47/87, dated 25.09.1987, in the name of Sri Urimi Narisimhulu S/o. ChinnaSubbaiah and the Government formulated a scheme by issuing G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation (PROJ. WING) Department, dated 15.04.1986, in order to provide rehabilitation to the members of the displaced

persons or to their dependants. As the respondents have not provided any employment by virtue of G.O.Ms.No.98, dated 15.04.1986, the petitioner's brother made an application on 20.09.1995 for appointment in pursuance of G.O.Ms.No.98 under the displaced person quota in the year 1997, that the petitioner's brother application was not considered for appointment for stating wrong surname in the application. The petitioner along with his brother filed a Writ Petition before this Court in W.P. No. 7155 of 2020. A coordinate Bench of this Court had disposed of the Writ Petition, dated 16.03.2020, directing the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioners therein, dated 17.01.2019 and pass appropriate orders, appointing the petitioners under displaced persons quota, if they are otherwise eligible. The Superintending Engineer, NTR TGP Circle, Kadapa District, issued a speaking order dated 08.09.2020, rejecting the case of the petitioner as not entitled for appointment under displaced persons quota under SPVBR, solely on the ground that the application is filed beyond the cutoff date, i.e., 18.09.2006.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a Memo No.480-LAR(2)87/2, dated 24.08.1987 was issued relaxing the cutoff date for applying within one year from the date of displacement and the said memo was upheld in an order in W.P.No.13543 of 2019, dated 01.02.2022 when authorities have reverted the application for appointment on displaced quota.

5. And it is further stated that several applications were filed before the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal at Hyderabad, vide O.A.No.9807 of 2009 and Writ Petitions were before this Court namely W.P.Nos.13543 of

2019 and 19065 of 2022 for inclusion of the displaced in the seniority list and the same were allowed and they attained finality as the state has not preferred any appeals against the said orders and all the said proceedings were ended in favour of the displaced persons.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the Judgment of a coordinate Bench of this Court, in W.P.No.32923 of 2023 and also relied upon the Judgment of a Division Bench of this Court, in W.A.No.356 of 2023. A coordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.No.32923 of 2023 placing reliance of the order in W.A.No.356 of 2023, and the judgments of the Apex Court, directed the respondents to consider the case of the petitioners for appointment as per G.O.Ms.No.98, Irrigation(Project Wing) Department, dated 15.04.1986 and to pass appropriate orders and the said exercise shall be completed within a period of three months. Hence the present writ is filed to direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner under the Displaced Persons Quota pursuant to G.O.Ms.No. 98 dated 15.04.1986 by including the name of the petitioner in the seniority list.

7. The 2nd respondent had filed counter affidavit asserting that as per procedure, petitioner has to file a check list along with application and the petitioner has not filed check list and the displaced certificate issued by the Tahsildar is no bearing as per the Minutes dated 20.07.2009 of the District Selection Committee. Further asserted that, reiterating the contention, the persons displaced prior to issuance of G.O. Ms.No.98 dated 15.04.1986 shall apply for appointment under displaced persons quota on or before 23.08.1988

i.e., one year after issuance of Government Memo No.480-LAR(2)87/2, dated 24.08.1987. Petitioner submitted his application for providing employment under displaced quota of SPVBR on 17.01.2019 i.e., after cut of date 18.09.2006. And relied on the order in O.A.No.2080 of 2013 dated 29.10.2014. The A.P.A.T held that the applicant there in not eligible as the application was filed after a gap of 28 years. Therefore, prayed to dismiss the writ petition.

8. It should not be oblivious of the fact, that the petitioner is seeking an appointment in place of his brother, whose previous application was not considered due to a wrong surname. Petitioner's brother filed an application in the year 1995 seeking appointment under displaced quota, subsequently petitioner and his brother filed W.P. No.7155 of 2020, in the said writ petition this Court directed to consider the case of the petitioner. Furthermore in W.P. No.13543 of 2019, this Court observed that the cutoff date cited by the learned Government Pleader could not be sustained as it had been relaxed through Memo No.480-LAR(2)87/2, dated 24.08.1987.

9. A coordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.No.32923 of 2023, dated 17.03.2026 referring to orders in W.P.(AT) No.174 of 2021 and batch, dated 13.12.2022 and the orders in W.P.No. 2436 of 2011 which was confirmed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.14305 of 2011, dated 04.07.2011, directed the respondents to provide employment to the Petitioners therein by adopting the procedure prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.98, dated 15.04.1986.

10. Therefore, the present Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondent authorities to consider the case of the petitioner to include the name of the petitioner in the seniority list for appointment to any suitable post under the displaced persons quota pursuant to the G.O.Ms.No.98, dated 15.04.1986. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, interlocutory applications pending if any, shall stand closed.

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