

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI**MAIN CASE No: WP No. 20851 of 2025****PROCEEDING SHEET**

SL. NO.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	12.8.2025	<u>VN.J</u> The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the Order dated 21.07.2025 issued by the Respondent No.3 terminating the contract of the Petitioner on the ground of misconduct. The Petitioner was initially appointed as City Level Technical Cell in the Respondent No.3 Corporation on 10.12.2018 on contractual basis. Subsequently, on 22.03.2021, the Petitioner was transferred to Respondent No.2 Corporation on a deputation basis as an MIS Specialist. While so, a show cause notice was issued to the Petitioner on 11.07.2025 stating that the Director of General, Anti Corruption Bureau had submitted a report regarding the allegations of bribery involved in transferring the staff of APSHCL, in which the Petitioner was listed as SO.3, and an explanation was sought for. The Petitioner submitted his explanation stating that he is innocent of the allegations made in the ACB Report. The District Head	

		i.e., SO.1 in the investigation also gave explanation on 11.01.2024 to the Inspector of Police, ACB, YSR Kadapa District, explaining the reason for the amount from the Petitioner was due to a Minister programme in the District. Inspite of the same, the impugned Order was passed solely on the ground that the explanation of Petitioner was not satisfactory. Learned Standing Counsel on instructions would submit that Charge Memorandum is being imposed against SOs 1 and 2. Having heard the respective counsel, though the Petitioner is a contract employee, the allegations against the Petitioner is that he had acted as conduit of SOs.1 and 2 and as the proceedings against SOs. 1 and 2 are being undertaken under APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1991, the Petitioner could not have been treated differently and his services could not have been terminated without conducting any enquiry. There is no satisfactory answer from the learned Standing Counsel that as to what would be the status of the Petitioner in the event the case against the SOs. 1 and 2 is dropped.	
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