

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

WEDNESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 21270 OF 2025



Between:

Veerabhadra Sekhar Babu, S/o. late V. Arumugam, aged about 54 years,
Grade - I Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Boys Hostel Social Welfare
Department, Bhakarapeta, Chittoor District, R/o.D.No. 6-176/A, Weavers
Colony, VTC Pudipatia, Chittoor District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
2. The Director of Social Welfare, T.G.Plaza Building, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
3. The Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department, Chittoor, Chittoor District.
4. The District Social Welfare Empowerment Officer, Chittoor, Chittoor District

...Respondents

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 appropriate Writ, Order or Direction particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 1st respondent in issuing the proceedings Memo No.2817087/SW(Ser.II)/2025 dated 04.07.2025, and the consequential

proceedings issued by the 4th respondent in proceedings Roc.No.B1/Spl./2025 dated 14.07.2025 revising the petitioner services of Grade-I Hostel Welfare Officer is illegal, improper, unjust, arbitrary and contrary to law and consequently direct the respondents to revise the memo dated 04.07.2025 by promoting the petitioner as Assistant Social Welfare Officer;

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 to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Assistant Social Welfare Officer in the ensuing DPC, pending disposal of WP.No.21270 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Mahadeva Kanthrigala, Advocate for the Petitioner and GP for Services II for the Respondents, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

“The present writ petition is filed questioning the Memo No.2817087/SW (Ser.II)/2025 dated 04.07.2025 and the consequential proceedings issued by the 4th respondent in Roc.No.B1/Spl./2025 dated 14.07.2025, whereby the petitioner was reverted from the post of Hostel Welfare Officer Grade-I to Hostel Welfare Officer Grade-II, GBH (SW).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned proceedings were issued without affording any prior notice to the petitioner, even though he has been working in the cadre since 2018.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services submits that the petitioner was promoted to the post of Hostel Welfare Officer

Grade-I without possessing the requisite qualifications and, therefore, the impugned proceedings are justified.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services.

Prima facie, as the impugned proceedings were issued without affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, who has been discharging duties in the said post for the last seven years and the same is contrary to the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad Vs Jayant 2021 (14) SCC 725. Therefore on the ground that the operation of the impugned proceedings dated 14.07.2025 shall stands suspended.

Post the matter on 10.09.2025."

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For /

SD/- K.J.RAJA BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Social Welfare Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi. (by **Special Messenger**)
2. The Director of Social Welfare, T.G.Plaza Building, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
3. The Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department, Chittoor, Chittoor District.
4. The District Social Welfare Empowerment Officer, Chittoor, Chittoor District (Addressee Nos.2 to 4 by **RPAD**)
5. One CC to Sri. Mahadeva Kanthrigala, Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP for Services II, High Court of Andhra Pradesh.
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7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

VN,J

DATED:13/08/2025

POST THE MATTER ON 10.09.2025

ORDER

WP.No.21270 of 2025

SUSPENSION

