

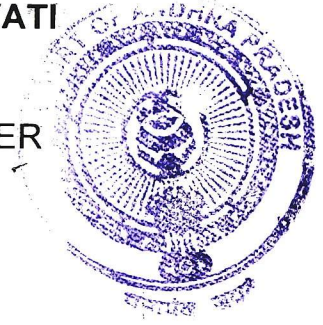
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 26323 OF 2025



Between:

1. Kuruva Veeresh, S/o Rangaiah, Aged about 29 years, R/o. 1-13, Machapuram Devanakonda, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh- 518464.
2. K. Madhusudhana Rao, S/o K. Narasingarao, Aged about 40 years, R/o. 3-2, Dharmavaram, Medapuram, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh- 515651.
3. Dhanedi Surekha, D/o Dhanedi Vijaya Bhaskar Rao Aged about 26 years, R/o. 9-7-454, Yeleswaram, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh- 533429.
4. Nandyala Mounika, C/o Kolli Indrasen Reddy Aged about 28 years, R/o. 1-18A, Chennur, Sirvel, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh- 518583.
5. Manchela Durga Ganesh, S/o Manchela Nageswarao Aged about 39 years, R/o. 3-203/1, Saradhanagar, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh- 531116.
6. Nalli Aruna, C/o Gogu Ramaiah, Aged about 26 years, R/o. 1-5-36, Lakshmi Palem Gopavaram Mandlam, Cudappa District, Andhra Pradesh- 515651.
7. Jarapala Durga Prasad, S/o Jarapala Bhava Naik Aged about 35 years, R/o. 15-20, Hanumapuram, Marripalem, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh- 522614.
8. Potti Roja, W/o B. Papa Rao Aged about 31 years, R/o. 2-16, Thotauooru village, Sirimamidi Panchayati, Sompeta Mandal, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532263.

9. Jinagam Geetha, D/o Sankar Rao, Aged about 27 years, R/o. 14-41, Kanchana Street, Rajam, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532127.
10. Pandrana Bebi, C/o Adari Sanni Babu, Aged about 34 years, R/o. 1-161, Indiramma Colony, Munagapaka, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh- 531033.

.... Petitioners

AND

1. The State Of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
2. The Commissioner of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
3. The Director of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
4. The Andhra Pradesh District Selection Committee (AP DSC) - 2025, Rep. by its Convenor/Chairman, O/o Commissioner of School Education, Amaravati.

.... 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 a Writ, order or direction, more particularly one on the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the petitioners selection to the posts of School Assistants (SA) in the AP MEGA DSC-2025 on the basis of merit-cum-roster, and instead giving precedence to the preferences exercised by the Petitioners at the time of notification and further issuing a PRESS RELEASE stating that the selection of candidates is based on their preferred options at the time of the notification despite the fact that separate application fee was collected for each post, separate exam was conducted for each post and separate merit list was prepared for each post and the same is contrary to the guideline no.24 clause (d) of the notification dt.20.04.2025 that allotment of posts to the selected candidates shall be made subject to merit cum roster, and vacancy position

and in conflict with the settled proposition of law that merit cum roster is to be mandatorily followed in the public recruitment process and thereby ignoring the superior merit secured by the Petitioners in the School Assistant (SA) category, as blindfolded approach, illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable, discriminatory and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and it is consequently prayed to direct the Respondents, more particularly respondent no.4 to consider the case of petitioners for School Assistant posts based on their merit cum roster in terms of guideline 24 clause (d) of the notification dt.20.04.2025 and in terms of the law laid down by the Honourable Apex court in Dr. (Major) Meeta Sahai v. State of Bihar, (2019) 20 SCC 17) and Pradeep Jain v. Union of India (1984) 3 SCC 654) *dehors* the options preferred by the petitioners in the notification dt.20.04.2025.

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Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed 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, more particularly respondent no.4 to consider the case of petitioners for School Assistant posts based on their merit cum roster in terms of guideline 24 clause (d) of the notification dt.20.04.2025 and in terms of the law laid down by the Honourable Apex court in Dr. (Major) Meeta Sahai v. State of Bihar, (2019) 20 SCC 17) & Pradeep Jain v. Union of India, (1984) 3 SCC 654) *dehors* the options preferred by the petitioners in the notification dt.20.04.2025, Pending disposal of WP 26323 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 G V S KISHORE KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4, the Court made the following.

ORDER

"Learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned Government Pleader for School Education would submit that the issue raised in this Writ Petition is similar to the issues considered by this Court vide interim orders passed in W.P. Nos 23487 and 23243 of 2025, dated 12.09.2025.

Therefore, the Petitioners are extended the same benefit and they are entitled to be considered for the post of School Assistant (SA).

Post along with W.P.No.24771 of 2025."

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SD/- P.VINOD KUMAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, State Of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
2. The Commissioner of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
3. The Director of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
4. The Convenor/Chairman, Andhra Pradesh District Selection Committee (AP DSC) - 2025, O/o Commissioner of School Education, Amaravati, (1 to 4 by RPAD)
5. One CC to SRI. G V S KISHORE KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to GP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

VN, J

DATED:24/09/2025

Post along with W.P.No.24771 of 2025

ORDER

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DIRECTION

