

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

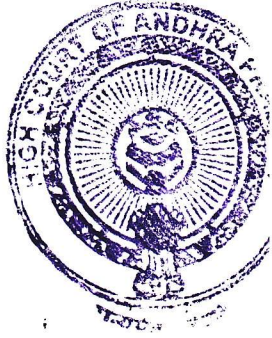
WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF OCTOBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

**:PRESENT:**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 27539 OF 2025**



**Between:**

Dr I K Srinivas, S/o I ate Venkata Rao, Age- 60 years Occ- Assistant Director of Agriculture, R/o AMC Yard, Compound, Nandigama, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.

**...Petitioner**

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt, of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
3. The Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt, of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

**...Respondents**

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 an appropriate writ, order, or direction, more particularly a writ of Mandamus,

a. Declare the action of the Respondents in issuing Memo No. A1(2)-2916078/2025 dated 12.09.2025, promoting Assistant Directors of Agriculture (ADA) to Deputy Directors of Agriculture (DDA) without finalizing the integrated/common seniority list as per Rules 33 and 34 of the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, and in reliance upon the outdated 2014 combined seniority list (including officers no longer in the Andhra Pradesh cadre), as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, and consequently quash the said Memo

b. Direct the Respondents, particularly the Director of Agriculture, to finalize an integrated/common seniority list of Assistant Directors of Agriculture in Andhra Pradesh, in strict compliance with Rules 33 and 34 of the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, after duly considering all objections/representations (including Petitioners representation dated 19.08.2025), and only thereafter convene the Departmental Promotion Committee and effect promotions to DDA strictly on the basis of such finalized seniority.

Further direct the Respondents to consider afresh the Petitioners case for promotion to DDA strictly in accordance with his rightful placement in the finalized AP-only seniority.

**IA NO: 2 OF 2025**

Petition under Section 151 CPC 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 to consider the Petitioners' representation dated 19.08.2025 pending disposal of WP 27539 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2025**

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to stay all further proceedings pursuant to Memo No. A1(2)-2916078/2025 dated 12.09.2025, including the operation of the provisional promotion list of ADA - DDA contained therein, pending disposal of WP 27539 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 V.Ravindhar Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Agriculture, for the Respondents and the Court made the following.

**ORDER:**

The present writ petition is filed questioning the Memo No.A1(2)-2916078/2025, dated 12.09.2025 promoting Assistant Directors of Agriculture to Deputy Directors of Agriculture without finalizing the seniority list as required under Rules 33 and 34 of Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, as illegal and arbitrary.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the seniority list was not revised after bifurcation of the State and in that view, the promotions that are being effected to the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture are not based on any revised seniority list and therefore, the same cannot be sustained.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that the seniority list was finalized on 12.09.2015 and the same is being acted upon.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader seeks time to file counter affidavit addressing the issues raised by learned counsel for the Petitioner.

Considering the submissions made, the Respondents are granted eight (8) weeks time to file counter affidavit.

In the interregnum, the Respondents are directed to consider the representation of the Petitioner dated 19.08.2025 and pass appropriate orders thereon within a period of six (6) weeks.

Post on 03.12.2025.

SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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For

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. ( by spl. messenger)

2. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt, of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur,
3. The Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt, of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur. **(2 & 3 by RPAD)**
4. One CC to Sri. V.Ravindhar Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP for Agriculture ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

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DATED:08/10/2025

POST ON 03.12.2025.

ORDER

WP.No.27539 of 2025

DIRECTION

