

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE NO.: W.P.No.30497 of 2025

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
3.	11-11-2025	<u>VN, J</u> The present Writ Petition is filed seeking to declare the action of Respondents in not concluding long pending disciplinary proceedings vide G.O.Rt.No.165, Labour, Factories, Boilers and IMS (IMS & VIG) Department, dated 11.05.2022 as per G.O.Ms.No.679, GA (SER.C) Department, dated 01.11.2008 & G.O.Ms.No.91, GAD, dated 12.09.2022 and in spite of orders passed in W.P.No.28832 of 2022, dated 25.10.2024, as illegal and arbitrary. The Petitioner had earlier filed W.P.No.28832 of 2022 before this Court seeking for expeditious conclusion of the disciplinary enquiry and this Court vide Order dated 25.10.2024 directed the Respondents to conclude the disciplinary enquiry as expeditiously as possible. The Petitioner again filed the present Writ Petition as no progress was made in the departmental enquiry in spite of orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.28832 of 2022, dated 25.10.2024.	

Mr. D. Vasmi Krishna, learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the Respondents on instructions would submit that the Enquiry Officer is yet to be appointed.

The delay in conclusion of enquiries appears to be a matter of normalcy and this Court on daily basis is hearing cases, where delinquents are complaining regarding delay in conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings and the impact it is having on their career prospects i.e. promotion, retirement benefits and postings etc.,

Though the State Government had issued G.O.Ms.No.679, GA (SER.C) Department, dated 01.11.2008 and G.O.Ms.No.91, General Administration Department, dated 12.09.2022 fixing the time frames in conclusion of departmental enquiries and also making the Presenting Officer and Enquiry Officer answerable for the delay. Nothing much seems to be changed in that context.

Smt. S. Pranathi, learned Special Government Pleader attached to the office of the learned Advocate General appears and would submit that the issue would be examined by the concerned authorities and find a long-lasting solution to these delays in conclusion of departmental enquiries.

To understand the magnitude of this chronic problem, it would be profitable to the State Government as well as to this Court to have a data of departmental enquiries pending in all the departments of the State Governments and their status.

Therefore, the Chief Secretary to the State Government is directed to submit a report regarding the departmental enquiries pending as on date in various departments with details of date of initiation of enquiry, date of appointment of Enquiry Officer and Presenting Officer apart from the stage of enquiry.

Post this case on 02.12.2025 in the 'Motion List'.

VN, J

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