

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

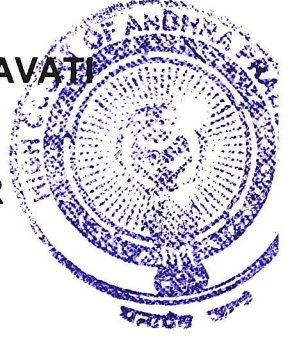
THURSDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO: 32325 OF 2025



Between:

Narasayya Tompala, S/o Ramulu, aged about 50 years, S. C. Colony, A.T. Agraharam Post, Dannanapeta Village, Nellimarla Mandal, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh- 535 218.

.... Petitioner

AND

1. The State Of Andhra Pradesh, rep by its Principal Secretary Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, AP Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission, (Under Right to Information Act-2005) represented by its Chief Information Commissioner, located on the 1st Floor, MGM Capital Building, NH 16 Service Rd, Near NRI Hospital Junction, Chinnakakani (V), Mangalagiri (M), Guntur District - 522508.

... Respondent/s

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 of direction, particularly, one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondent no 2, in issuing the directions to the petitioner to appear in person before the commission on 21.11.2025 vide its proceedings NO APPEAL NO 6532/SIC-CHS/2025 dated 23.10.2025 in para 19(2) contrary to the Rule 7(1) of the State Information Commission (Appeal Procedure)Rules, 2006 issued vide its GO Ms No 66 dated 25.02.2006 is as illegal, arbitrary, and a violation of principles of natural

justice as well as the fundamental rights under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Indian Constitution and consequently declare the action of 2nd respondent in not allowing the petitioners authorized representatives to present the case despite there is a clear provision in Rule NO 7 (3) of 2006 rules.

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Petition under Section 151 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 set aside the direction of 2nd respondent requiring the petitioner to appear in person without allowing the authorized representative to represent the case before the commission on 21.11.2025 vide its proceedings NO APPEAL NO 6532/SIC-CHS/2025 dated 23.10.2025 para no 19(2) contrary to the Rule 7(1) of the State Information Commission (Appeal Procedure)Rules, 2006 issued vide its GO Ms No 66 dated 25.02.2006 and pass such order or orders in accordance with law, Pending disposal of WP 32325 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 JADA SRAVAN KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY for the Respondent No.1, the Court made the following.

ORDER

“Heard Sri Karthik Shan, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri Jada Sravan Kumar, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner and Sri P. Ajay Babu, learned Counsel appearing for GAD.

2. There shall be a direction to the Andhra Pradesh State Chief Information Commissioner to appear online before this Court to answer

the queries as to what is preventing them from appointing Standing Counsel.

3. It has been noticed by this Court that the service of notice is unnecessarily getting delayed because of the lapses on the part of the Commission in appointing Standing Counsel.

4. Sri P. Ajay Babu, learned Counsel appearing for GAD, is directed to convey the gist of this order to the Andhra Pradesh State Chief Information Commissioner forthwith for effective compliance.

5. There shall be a further direction suspending the proceedings in Appeal No. 6532/SIC-CHS/2025, dated 23.10.2025 (Ex.P.5), till the next listing.

6. List on 21.11.2025 in the Motion list."

SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Principal Secretary Information Technology, State of Andhra Pradesh, Electronics and Communications, AP Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Chief Information Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission, (Under Right to Information Act-2005), located on the 1st Floor, MGM Capital Building, NH 16 Service Rd, Near NRI Hospital Junction, Chinnakakani (V), Mangalagiri (M), Guntur District - 522508.(1 & 2 by RPAD)
3. One CC to SRI. JADA SRAVAN KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
5. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

GRKP, J

DATED:20/11/2025

List on 21.11.2025 in the Motion list

ORDER

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DIRECTION

