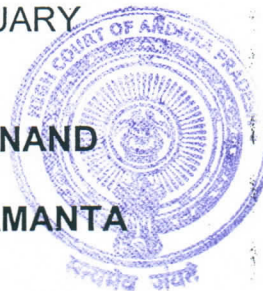


IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
MONDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBHENDU SAMANTA



I.A.Nos.2 of 2025 & 1 of 2026 in W.A.Nos.1246, 1236, 1238, 1239, 1240 of 2025 and I.A.Nos.1 of 2025 & 1 of 2026 in W.A.No.1235 of 2025 and I.A.No.2 of 2025 in W.A.Nos.1339, 1350, 1358 of 2025, I.A.No.2 of 2026 in W.A.Nos.9 & 13 of 2026 and I.A.Nos.2 of 2025 and 2 of 2026 in W.A.No.1318 of 2025

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 & I.A.No.1 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.1246 OF 2025:

I.A.No.2 OF 2025

Between:

Dr. Kuruba Gopal, S/o. Late Garkamma, Aged 62 years. Occ: Professor of Plant Pathology (Direct) and Temporarily as Vice Chancellor, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramanagudm, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/ Appellant

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Co-operation Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Rep by its Registrar Venkataramanagudem, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Respondents/Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to continue the petitioner in service till he attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1246 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

I.A.No.1 OF 2026:

Between:

Dr. Kuruba Gopal, S/o. Late Garkamma, Aged 62 years. Occ: Professor of Plant Pathology (Direct) and Temporarily as Vice Chancellor, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramanagudm, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/ Appellant

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Co-operation Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Rep by its Registrar, Venkataramanagudem, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Respondents/Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the letter vide Letter.No.2175839/A&C, AHDD&F/2024, dated 15.02.2026, of the Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry Dairy Development & Fisheries Department, pending disposal of WA.No.1246 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri SRINIVASA RAO BODDULURI, Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1; GP FOR AGRICULTURE for the Respondent No.2; Sri N.B. Chandra Sekhar, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 & I.A.No.1 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.1236 OF 2025:

I.A.No.2 OF 2025

Between:

R.N.Ramani Pushpa, D/o R. Sambasiva Rao, Aged about 62 years, Occ. Professor, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

**Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner
AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District,
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh Rep. by its Registrar

...Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to continue the appellant in service till she attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1236 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026:

Between:

R.N.Ramani Pushpa, D/o R. Sambasiva Rao, Aged about 62 years, Occ. Professor (Retired), Department of Veterinary Microbiology, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District,
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh Rep. by its Registrar,

...Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the letter vide Letter.No.2175839/A&C, AHDD&F/2024, dated 15.02.2026 of the 2nd respondent by directing the respondents to extend the benefit of G.O.Ms.No.39, Higher Education (UE) Department dated 29-07-2023 to the faculty who are drawing UGC scales of pay in respondent University thereby enhancing the age of the petitioner age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years forthwith including continuity of service, salary and other attendant benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1236 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of M/s Kavitha Gottipati, Advocate for the Petitioner and GP for Higher Education for the

Respondent No.1; GP for Animal Husbandry for the Respondent No.2,
Sri R.Chandra Reddy, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 & I.A.No.1 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.1238 OF 2025:

IA NO: 2 OF 2025:

Between

Dr. D. Ravindra Kumar Reddy, S/o D. Rami Reddy, Aged About 63 Years, Occ.Dean of Fishery Science, College of Fishery Science, Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Muthukur Camp Office, Muthukur, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner No.3

AND

1. Dr.K Sarjan Rao, S/o K. V. Subba Reddy, Aged about 61 years, Occ. Director of Research, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. Dr. J. Suresh, S/o G. Krishnaiah Chetty, Aged about 61 years, Occ. Dean of Dairy Science, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh .

...Respondents/Writ Petitioners 1&2

3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
4. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
5. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Rep.by its Registrar.

6. Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Camp Office, 5th Floor, Vishal Residency, Opp. Siddhartha Engineering College, Padmaja Nagar, Tadigadapa, Vijayawada, NTR District, rep.by its Registrar.
7. Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Neeladri towers, 6th Battalion Road, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Rep.by its Secretary.
8. Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory, and Monitoring Commission, 3rd Floor, Sree Mahendra Enclave, Tadepalli, Guntur District Rep.by its Secretary

(Respondent Nos.1 and 2 not necessary parties)

...Respondents/Respondents 1 to 6

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the appellant in service till he attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1238 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO:1 OF 2026:

Between

Dr. D. Ravindra Kumar Reddy, S/o D. Rami Reddy, Aged About 63 Years, Occ.Dean of Fishery Science (Retd.), College of Fishery Science, Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Muthukur Camp Office, Muthukur, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner No.3

AND

1. Dr.K Sarjan Rao, S/o K. V. Subba Reddy, Aged about 61 years, Occ: Director of Research, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh.

2. Dr. J. Suresh, S/o G. Krishnaiah Chetty, Aged about 61 years, Occ: Dean of Dairy Science, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh .

...Respondents/Writ Petitioners 1&2

3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
4. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
5. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Rep.by its Registrar.
6. Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Camp Office, 5th Floor, Vishal Residency, Opp. Siddhartha Engineering College, Padmaja Nagar, Tadigadapa, Vijayawada, NTR District, rep.by its Registrar.
7. Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Neeladri towers, 6th Battalion Road, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Rep.by its Secretary.
8. Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory, and Monitoring Commission, 3rd Floor, Sree Mahendra Enclave, Tadepalli, Guntur District Rep.by its Secretary

(Respondent Nos.1 and 2 not necessary parties)

...Respondents/Respondents 1 to 6

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the Letter No. 2175839/A&C, AHDD&F/2024 dated 15-02-2026 of the 4th respondent by directing the respondents to extend the benefit of G.O.Ms. No.39, Higher Education (UE)

Department dated 29-07-2023 to the faculty who are drawing UGC scales of pay in respondent University thereby enhancing the age of the petitioner age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years forthwith including continuity of service; salary and other attendant benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1238 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Smt. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Higher Education for the Respondent No.3; GP for Animal Husbandry for the Respondent No.4, Sri.R.Chandra Reddy, Advocate for Respondent No.5, Sri.Gudi Srinivas Advocate for Respondent No.6, Smt.K.Radhika, Advocate for the Respondent No.7.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 & I.A.No.1 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.1239 OF 2025:

I.A.No.2 OF 2025:

Between:

Prof. S. Ratna Kumari, D/o S.B.V. Prasada Rao, Aged about 64 years,
Occ: Professor & University Head Department of Crop Physiology,
Agricultural College, Bapatla, Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Food & Agriculture Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Sri Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Administrative Office, LAM, Guntur, Guntur District, rep.by its Registrar

Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the petitioner/appellant in service till she attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1239 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

I.A.No.1 OF 2026

Between:

Prof. S. Ratna Kumari, D/o S.B.V. Prasada Rao, Aged about 64 years,
Occ: Professor & University Head (Retd.), Department of Crop
Physiology, Agricultural College, Bapatla, Bapatla District, Andhra
Pradesh

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Food & Agriculture Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Sri Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Administrative Office, LAM, Guntur, Guntur District, rep.by its Registrar

Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the Letter No. 2175839/A&C,AHDD&F/2024 dated 15-02-2026 of the 2nd respondent by directing the respondents to extend the benefit of G.O.Ms.No.39, Higher Education (UE) Department dated 29-07-2023 to the faculty who are drawing UGC scales of pay in respondent University thereby enhancing the age of the

petitioner age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years forthwith including continuity of service, salary and other attendant benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1239 of 2025, on the file of the High Court

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of M/s. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI, Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1, learned GP FOR AGRICULTURE for the Respondent No.2, Smt. S. PRANATHI, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 & I.A.No.1 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.1240 OF 2025:

I.A.No.2 OF 2025

Between:

1. Ch.V.V. Satyanarayana, S/o Ch. Suryanarayana, Aged about 64 years, Occ. Professor & University Head, Department of Food Process Engineering Dr.N T R College of Food Science and Technology, Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Bapatla Bapatla District Andhra Pradesh
2. Dr. K. S. S. Naik, S/o K Bheema Naik, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Mahanandi, Nandyal District
3. Dr. B. John Wesley, S/o B Yesudas Aged about 63 years, Occ. Professor & University Head Dept Of Renewable Energy Engineering Dr N.T.R College of Agricultural Engineering Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Bapatla Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh
4. Dr. S.Saralamma, D/o S. D. Christopher, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Principal Scientist and Coordinator, DAATT Centre, Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Noonepalli, Nandyal District
5. Dr. T. S. Chandrasekhara Rao, S/o T.V.Raghavulu, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Professor & University Head, Department of Veterinary

Anatomy College of Veterinary Science Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh

6. Dr. B. V. K. Bhagavan, S/o B. Rama Rao, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Principal Scientist, Horticultural Research Station, Dr Y.S.R Horticultural University, Peddapeta, Srikakulam District

**Petitioners/Appellants/Writ Petitioners
AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
4. Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Administrative Office, LAM Farm, Guntur, Guntur District, Rep.by its Registrar
5. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University Administrative Office, YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Rep.by its Registrar
6. Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District, Rep.by its Registrar
7. Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Neeladri towers, Battalion Road, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Rep.by its Secretary
8. Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, 3rd Floor, SreeMahendra Enclave, Tadepalli, Guntur District, Rep.by its Secretary

...Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the

appellants in service till they attain the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1240 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

I.A.NO.1 OF 2026:

Between:

1. Ch.V.V. Satyanarayana, S/o Ch. Suryanarayana, Aged about 64 years, Occ. Professor & University Head (Retd.), Department of Food Process Engineering Dr.N T R College of Food Science and Technology, Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Bapatla Bapatla District Andhra Pradesh
2. Dr. K. S. S. Naik, S/o K Bheema Naik, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Associate Dean (Retd.), Agricultural College, Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Mahanandi, Nandyal District
3. Dr. B. John Wesley, S/o B Yesudas Aged about 63 years, Occ. Professor & University Head (Retd.), Dept Of Renewable Energy Engineering Dr N.T.R College of Agricultural Engineering Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Bapatla Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh
4. Dr. S.Saralamma, D/o S. D. Christopher, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Principal Scientist and Coordinator (Retd.), DAATT Centre, Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Noonepalli, Nandyal District
5. Dr. T. S. Chandrasekhara Rao, S/o T.V.Raghavulu, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Professor & University Head (Retd.), Department of Veterinary Anatomy College of Veterinary Science Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh
6. Dr. B. V. K. Bhagavan, S/o B. Rama Rao, Aged about 63 years, Occ. Principal Scientist (Retd.), Horticultural Research Station, Dr Y.S.R Horticultural University, Peddapeta, Srikakulam District

Petitioners/Appellants/Writ Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Special Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
4. Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Administrative Office, LAM Farm, Guntur, Guntur District, Rep.by its Registrar
5. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University Administrative Office, YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Rep.by its Registrar
6. Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District, Rep.by its Registrar
7. Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Neeladri towers, Battalion Road, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Rep.by its Secretary
8. Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, 3rd Floor, SreeMahendra Enclave, Tadepalli, Guntur District, Rep.by its Secretary

...Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the Letter No. 2175839/A&C,AHDD&F/2024 dated 15-02-2026 of the 2nd respondent by directing the respondents to extend the benefit of G.O.Ms.No.39, Higher Education (UE) Department dated 29-07-2023 to the faculty who are drawing UGC scales of pay in respondent University thereby enhancing the age of the petitioner age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years forthwith including

continuity of service, salary and other attendant benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1240 of 2025, on the file of the High Court

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Smt. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Higher Education for the Respondent No.1 GP for Agriculture for the Respondent No.2, GP for Animal Husbandry for the Respondent No.3, Smt. S.Pranathi, Advocate for Respondent No.4, Sri R.Chandra Reddy, Advocate for the Respondent No.5, Sri.N.B.Chandra Sekhar, Advocate for Respondent No.6, Smt.K.Radhika, Advocate for Respondent Nos.7 & 8.

I.A.No.1 OF 2025 & I.A.No.1 OF 2026 IN W.A.No. 1235 OF 2025:

I.A.No.1 OF 2025:

Between:

Dr. G.Venkata Naidu, S/o. Late Appala Naidu, Aged about 62 years, Occ Professor, R/o. Ravipalli Village and Post, Garugubilli Mandal Parvathipuram Manyam District, Andhra Pradesh. Professor AND University Head, Department of Veterinary Gynaecology & Obstetrics, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Gannavaram, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education (UE), Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

3. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr. Y.S.R. Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Registrar.

...Respondents/Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to continue the petitioner in service till he attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1235 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

I.A.No.1 OF 2026

Between:

Dr. G.Venkata Naidu, S/o. Late Appala Naidu, Aged about 62 years, Occ Professor, R/o. Ravipalli Village and Post, Garugubilli Mandal Parvathipuram Manyam District, Andhra Pradesh. Professor AND University Head, Department of Veterinary Gynaecology & Obstetrics, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Gannavaram, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education (UE), Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr. Y.S.R. Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Registrar.

...Respondents/Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the letter vide Letter.No.2175839/A&C, AHDD&F/2024, dated 15.02.2026, of the Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry Dairy Development & Fisheries Department, pending disposal of WA.No.1235 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Srinivasa Rao Bodduluri, Advocate for the Petitioner and GP for Education for the Respondent No.1 and GP for Animal Husbandry for Respondent No.2 and Sri R.Chandra Reddy, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 IN W.A.No.1339 OF 2025:

Between:

Dr. Thallabathula Anuradha, W/o. Krishna Prasad, aged 62 years, Occ: Professor and Head Department of Genitics and Plant Building, A.G. College, A.N.G.R.A.U, Rajahmundry, R/o. H. No. 48-13-29, Gandhipuram, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh

Petitioner/s

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary [Department of Higher Education (UE)], Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. 522237.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary [Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development Fisheries,

Agriculture and Co-operation], Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. 522237.

3. The Registrar, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Office of the Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.533101

Respondent/s

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to stay the operation of the Impugned Order by directing the Respondents to implement the said G.O.Ms.No.39 in respect of the petitioner with all consequential benefits, including reinstatement into service and continuation in service till she attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1339 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri V SAI KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1, learned GP FOR AGRICULTURE for the Respondent No.2, Smt. S. PRANATHI, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 IN W.A.NO. 1350 OF 2025:

Between:

Dr. Mitta China Obaiah, S/o. Yerra Obaiah, aged 62 years, Occ: Professor & Head, Department of Agricultural Extension, Agricultural College, Bapatla, R/o.25-2-520, 12th Street, Lake View Colony,

Padalakur Road, Nellore, Sri Potti Sri Ramulu Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/s

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary (Department of Higher Education (UE)), Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.522238
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary [Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Agriculture and Co-operation], Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.522238
3. The Registrar, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Administrative Office, Lam, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.522034

Respondent/s

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to stay the operation of the Impugned Order by directing the Respondents to implement the said G.O.Ms.No.39 in respect of the petitioner with all consequential benefits, including reinstatement into service and continuation in service till she attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1350 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri V SAI KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1,

GP FOR AGRICULTURE for the Respondent No.2,
Smt. S. PRANATHI, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 IN W.A. NO. 1358 OF 2025:

Between:

L. Naram Naidu, S/o. Appala Swamy (in writ petition mistakenly typed as Gopalam), Aged about 62 years, Occ: Dean of Horticulture, Administration Office, Dr. YSRHU, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary (Department of Higher Education (UE)), Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. 522237
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Horticulture, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. 522237
3. The Registrar, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Administrative Office, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. 534102

Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to stay the operation of the Impugned Order by directing the Respondents to implement the said G.O.Ms.No.39 in respect of the petitioner with all consequential benefits, including reinstatement into service and continuation in service till she attains the age of 65 years with all

consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1358 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 25.11.2025 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri V SAI KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1; GP FOR Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Horticulture, for the Respondent No.2; Sri N.B. Chandra Sekhar, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.9 OF 2026:

Between:

Dr. P. Rama Devi, W/o. Puvvada Venkata Srinivasa Rao, aged 62 years, R/o. 1-17-19, Badetivari Street, Near Krishna Milk Diary, Ramaraopeta, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/s

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary (Department of Higher Education (UE)), Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.522237
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Horticulture), Secretariat Buildings at Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. 522237

3. The Registrar, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Administrative Office, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.534102

Respondent/s

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to stay the operation of the Impugned Order by directing the Respondents to implement the said G.O.Ms.No.39 in respect of the petitioner with all consequential benefits, including reinstatement into service and continuation in service till she attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.9 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri V SAI KUMAR Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for the Respondent No.1; GP FOR Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Horticulture, for the Respondent No.2; Sri N.B. Chandra Sekhar, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3.

I.A.No.2 OF 2026 IN W.A.No.13 OF 2026:

Between:

Dr.G.Srinivas Rao, S/o. Subbarao, aged about 62 years, Professor, Dept of Vety. Pharmacology & Toxicology, NTR, CVSc, Gannavaram, Krishna District, R/o Flat No.301, Pinnamaneni Residency, Golikrihsna Street, Vijayawada - 521108. (Writ Petitioner)

Petitioner

AND

1. The state of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District - 522237.
2. The state of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, GAD, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District -522237.
3. The state of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District- 522237.
4. The state of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary Department of AHDD&F, Secretariate, Velagapudi, Guntur District- 522237.
5. Sri Venkateswara Veterianry Universaity, Tirupati, rep. by its Registrar, Titupati, Balaji District-517502 (Respondents)

Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the petitioner in service in terms of GOMs No.39 Higher Education U E Department of 29.07.2023 of the 1st respondent without reference to his date of retirement i.e. 31.12.2025 with pay and allowances, pending disposal of WA.No.1246 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 06.01.2026 & 16.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri RAMA MOHAN RAO KOTHA, Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION for Respondent No.1, GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION for the Respondent No.2; GP for FINANCE for the Respondent No.3; GP for

Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries for the Respondent No.4;
Sri CHANDRA REDDY, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.5.

I.A.No.2 OF 2025 & I.A.No.2 OF 2026 IN W.A.No 1318 OF 2025:

I.A.No.2 OF 2025

Between:

Dr. P. V. S. Kishore, D/o P. A. Kondala Rao, Aged about 61 years, Occ.
Professor cum Associate Dean NTR College of Veterinary Science,
Gannavaram, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District,
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh Rep. by its Registrar

Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to continue the appellant in service till he attains the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1318 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

I.A.No.2 OF 2026

Between:

Dr. P. V. S. Kishore, D/o P. A. Kondala Rao, Aged about 61 years, Occ. Professor cum Associate Dean (Retired), NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Appellant/Writ Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District,
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep.by its Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr YSR Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh Rep. by its Registrar

Respondents

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ appeal, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the Letter No. 2175839/A&C,AHDD&F/2024 dated 15-02-2026 of the 2nd respondent by directing the respondents to extend the benefit of G.O.Ms.No.39, Higher Education (UE) Department dated 29-07-2023 to the faculty who are drawing UGC scales of pay in respondent University thereby enhancing the age of the petitioner age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years forthwith including continuity of service, salary and other attendant benefits, pending disposal of WA.No.1318 of 2025, on the file of the High Court

The Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the High Court order dated 16.02.2026 made herein and the arguments of Smt. KAVITHA GOTTIPATI, Advocate for

the Petitioner, GP for Education for the Respondent No.1 and GP for Animal Husbandry for Respondent No.2 and Sri R.Chandra Reddy, Standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3, the Court made the following

COMMON ORDER

The core issue pending for consideration before us is whether the teaching faculty who are drawing UGC pay scales as fixed by the University Grants Commission are entitled for enhancement of the retirement age from 60 to 65 years in respect of the petitioners working in Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University, Andhra Pradesh Horticulture University, Andhra Pradesh Veterinary University and Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University.

2. Heard both sides.

3. It is an admitted fact that earlier the retirement age of the teaching faculty working in these four (4) universities was enhanced from 60 to 62 years by issuing Government Order by the Higher Education Department of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh along with the teaching faculty in other State Universities. In the year 2023, the Higher Education Department issued another G.O., enhancing the retirement age of the teaching faculty who are under the UGC pay scales from 60 to 65 years. But this time, the same benefit was not extended to the professors working in these four (4) Universities though they are getting UGC pay scales.

4. It is an admitted fact that the Management of these four (4) Universities recommended to the Government to enhance the retirement age on par with the other Universities. But the Agriculture Department raised objection stating that the Government Order issued by the Higher Education Department is not applicable to the Universities working under the Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary and Fisheries Department and to extend the same benefit to these four (4) Universities, the State Government has to take the decision.

5. It is an admitted fact that the Finance Department of the State Government also accorded permission to consider the recommendations made by these four (4) University administrations. But, for the reasons best known to the respondents, the recommendations made by these four (4) University administrations are rejected.

6. Mr B.Rajsekhar, Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government (Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh) who is personally present before this Court clarified that as per the decision of the competent authority, he issued proceedings vide Letter No.2175839/A&C,AHDD&F/2024, dated 15.02.2026 rejecting the recommendations made by these four (4) University administrations. He has also placed connected records before this Court for perusal.

7. Having considered the clarifications submitted by the Ex-Officio, Special Chief Secretary present before this Court and on perusal of the record connected to this issue, it appears that without assigning any reasons, the recommendations of the University administrations and Finance Department are rejected. Besides this, this Court granted time to file counter affidavit by the State Government since 25.11.2025. But, no counter affidavit has been filed till date stating the State Government stand on this aspect.

8. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, it appears that the competent authority did not consider the matter in proper perspective. Enhancing the retirement age to all other University faculty who are working under the UGC pay scales and not extending the same benefit to the teaching faculty working in these four (4) Universities appears to be discriminatory.

9. On perusal of the business rules placed before us by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners it appears that all the Universities in the State will come under the administrative control of the

Higher Education Department. As such, we cannot brush aside the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the Government order issued by the Higher Education Department is applicable to these four (4) Universities also.

10. No doubt, it is an accepted principle of law that the enhancement of the retirement age to the employees falls within the domain of the State Government like in the present case. But, that decision should be taken indiscriminately. Otherwise, it amounts to violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India.

11. At present, in the absence of the counter affidavit by the State Government, we do not want to express any opinion on the merits of the issue.

12. Considering the fact that some of the professors working in these four(4) Universities are attaining the age of superannuation and at present there are no immediate steps taken by the Universities or State Government to fill these vacancies, the interest of the students studying in that universities has to be protected. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, in our *prima-facie* view, it is appropriate and reasonable to direct the respondents to continue the petitioners in service pending further orders.

13. Accordingly, there shall be an interim suspension of the Letter No.2175839/ A&C, AHDD & F/2024, dated 15.02.2026 passed by the Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Department and Fisheries Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, pending further orders. Further, the respondents are directed to continue the petitioners in service pending further orders.

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Sd/-U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Co-operation Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Principal Secretary, Food & Agriculture Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi Amaravati, Guntur District.
5. The Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
6. The Special Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, The State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District. [1 to 6 By Special Messenger]
7. The Registrar, Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramanagudem, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.
8. The Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Administrative Office, Dr. Y.S.R. Bhavan, Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh.
9. The Registrar, The Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Camp Office, 5th Floor, Vishal Residency, Opp. Siddhartha Engineering College, Padmaja Nagar, Tadigadapa, Vijayawada, NTR District.
10. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Neeladri towers, 6th Battalion Road, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

11. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory, and Monitoring Commission, 3rd Floor, Sree Mahendra Enclave, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
12. The Registrar, Sri Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Administrative Office, LAM, Guntur, Guntur District. (7 to 12 by Speed Post)
13. Two CCs to Mr. Samba Siva Pratap, Additional Advocate General, High Court of A.P., Amaravati [OUT].
14. One CC to Sri. Srinivasa Rao Bodduluri Advocate [OPUC]
15. One CC to M/s Kavitha Gottipati, Advocate [OPUC]
16. One CC to Sri.Gudi Srinivas Advocate [OPUC]
17. One CC to Smt.K.Radhika, Advocate [OPUC]
18. One CC to Sri V. Sai kumar, Advocate [OPUC]
19. One CC to Sri RAMA MOHAN RAO KOTHA, Advocate [OPUC]
20. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
21. Two CCs to GP FOR AGRICULTURE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
22. Two CCs to GP FOR FINANCE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
23. Two CCs to GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
24. Two CCs to GP for Animal Husbandry Dairy Development & Fisheries, High Court of AP [OUT]
25. One CC to Sri R.Chandra Reddy, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
26. One CC to Sri N.B. Chandra Sekhar, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
27. One CC to Smt. S. PRANATHI, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT

**DEV,J
&
SS,J**

DATED:23/02/2026

POST ON 16.03.2026

ORDER

I.A.Nos.2 of 2025 & 1 of 2026 in W.A.Nos.1246, 1236, 1238, 1239, 1240 of 2025 and I.A.Nos.1 of 2025 & 1 of 2026 in W.A.No.1235 of 2025 and I.A.No.2 of 2025 in W.A.Nos.1339, 1350, 1358 of 2025, I.A.No.2 of 2026 in W.A.Nos.9 & 13 of 2026 and I.A.Nos.2 of 2025 and 2 of 2026 in W.A.No.1318 of 2025

DIRECTION

