

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

MAIN CASE NO.: **WRIT PETITION No. 33638 OF 2025**

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	Date	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	03.12.2025	<u>VN, J</u> The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the charge memorandum issued by the 1st Respondent, vide G.O.Rt. No.1251, MA & UD (Vig.III) Department, dt.13.11.2025 as illegal and arbitrary. Vide impugned charge memorandum, articles of charges framed against the Petitioner regarding the procedural lapses, execution of works as Municipal Engineer at Proddatur Municipality. The impugned charge memorandum was issued under Rule 20 of AP CCA Rules, 1991, but no list of witnesses was cited in annexure thereof for sustenance of charge against the petitioner. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, in the absence of any list of witnesses, the impugned charge memorandum cannot be sustained and is contrary to Rule 20 of APCCA Rules, 1991. The learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services I submits that the list of witnesses can be substituted at a later point of time.	Contd..2P.

		Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-I appearing for respondents. Prima facie, the impugned charge memorandum is not in consonance with Rule 20 of APCCA Rules as no list of witnesses on whose evidence the articles of charge were sought to be sustained is mentioned. It is too well known that charges cannot be sustained on mere documents and some witnesses should be examined to mark the documents and speak of their correctness as held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Roop Singh Negi vs Punjab National Bank & Ors¹. Hence, the impugned proceedings shall stand suspended until further orders. Further, the respondents shall consider the case of the petitioner for the post of Superintendent Engineer. For filing counter, list the matter on 31.12.2025. _____ VN, J BV	
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¹ 2009(2) SCC 570