

**WP(PIL) NO: 233 of 2017**

Vinodh Palamangalam

...Petitioner

Vs.

The Union of India and others

...Respondents

Advocate for Petitioner : Letter

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s) : Mr T Niranjana (Deputy Solicitor General) for Union of India,
Mr T. Vishnu Teja (Spl.GP) for the State, Mr Aravala Rama Rao (SC for APSRTC),
Mr N Jeevan Kumar (SC for Airports Authority of India)

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE LISA GILL
SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN**

DATE : 1st July, 2026**LISA GILL, CJ:**

This matter was taken up by way of public interest litigation on the basis of letter dated 19.08.2017 highlighting the need for space for feeding of infants by lactating mothers at public places.

2. Notice had been issued in this matter on 12.09.2017. Status reports thereafter were filed indicating the steps taken by respondents in this respect. Various orders were passed directing the authorities to ensure appropriate steps in this direction including modification of existing rules to ensure that provision for such space is provided in the buildings which are proposed to be constructed and already existing commercial spaces, shopping malls etc.

3. Affidavit dated 30.06.2026 of Secretary to Government, Department for Women, Children, Differently Abled and Senior Citizens (respondent No.12) has been filed wherein it is specifically stated that as many as 1075 breastfeeding centers/rooms are now in place. Details thereof are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the District	No.of Breast-feeding Centers
1	Allurisitharamaraju	73
2	Anakapalli	22
3	Ananthapuram	19
4	Annamayya	27
5	Bapatla	27
6	Chittoor	119
7	East Godavari	19
8	Eluru	28
9	Guntur	65
10	Kakinada	17
11	Konaseema	7
12	Krishna	12

13	Kurnool	63
14	Markapuram	8
15	Nandyala	50
16	Nellore	23
17	NTR	100
18	Palnadu	22
19	Parvathipuram Manyam	19
20	Polavaram	8
21	Prakasam	9
22	Sri Sathyasai	74
23	Srikakulam	37
24	Tirupathi	21
25	Vijayanagaram	74
26	Visakhapatnam	28
27	West Godavari	28
28	YSR Kadapa	76
	Total	1075

It is further stated that amendment has been carried out in A.P. Building Rules, 2017 by insertion of Rule 57(7)(k) which reads as under:

“Baby Feeding Room/facility shall be provided in Shopping Malls, Public Buildings and Organizations/Establishments/ Institutions where more than 50 women are employed and also for visiting women.”

It is further stated that all concerned departments and district administrations in the State have been advised to strengthen these facilities and to identify additional locations requiring breastfeeding/feeding rooms so as to enable accessibility and coverage throughout the State.

4. We are of the considered opinion that the matter has been taken in all seriousness by the State and necessary measures have been put in place. We are sanguine that in future also necessary steps will be taken on a regular basis for maintenance of this facility as well as strengthening and expanding the same keeping in view the requirements of the public. Further continuation of proceedings at this stage is not required. Proceedings are thus closed. Writ Petition (PIL) is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

Pending application(s) if any stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

LISA GILL, CJ

CHALLA GUNARANJAN, J

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Whether the order is Speaking/Reasoned : Yes

Whether the order is Reportable : Yes / No