



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3459]

WEDNESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUMATHI JAGADAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 15992/2017

Between:

1.GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,, REP.BY
ITS ADDL. COMMISSIONER, SRI S. S. VARMA R/O
VISAKHAPATNAM.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. CENTRAL SECRETARIAT, NEW DELHI.
2.ASSISTANT P F COMMISSIONER, EPFO SRO NAD POST
VISAKHAPATNAM.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an Order, direction or a Writ or more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring that the impugned orders No AP/VP/55688/PD Cell/CC-52/2016/379, dated: 21.04.2016 passed under section 14B & 7Q of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act,1952 (the Act) by the 2nd Respondent as arbitrary, illegal, without jurisdiction, contrary to principles of natural justice, unenforceable in law the same

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to

stay the orders of the 2nd Respondent in AP/VP/55688/PD Cell/CC-52/2016/379, dated: 21.04.2016 pending disposal of the writ petition

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to expedite hearing of the WP.No.15992 of 2017 by fixing an early date and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.KOKA SATYANARAYANA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.T BALAJI(SC FOR EPFO)

2.DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

The Court made the following ORDER:

When the matter is taken up for hearing, there is no representation for the petitioner.

Learned Standing Counsel for the respondents submits that the order challenged in the writ petition is passed by the concerned authority under Sections 14B & 7Q of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (the Act), which is an appealable order before the Appellate Authority under Section 7-I of the Act.

Considering the submissions made by the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents, the present Writ Petition is disposed of directing the petitioner to prefer an appeal as contemplated under Section 7-I of the Act, before the Appellate Authority within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, by depositing 25% of the amount demanded on 21.04.2016, under Section 14B of the Act. On such submission of appeal by paying 25% of the demanded amount by the petitioner, the Appellate Authority shall receive and dispose of the same as early as possible. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous pending applications, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE SUMATHI JAGADAM

Date: 05.11.2025
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