



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

[3460]

**TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 150/2026

Between:

1.M SAMBASIVA RAO, S/O M. KRISHNA, AGED 38 YEARS,
OCC PRESENTLY WORKING AS PANCHAYAT
SECRETARY GRADE-IV, MADHAVARAM GRAM
PANCHAYAT, A. KONDURU MANDAL, KRISHNA
DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF AP, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL1.
SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT,
VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. PIN CODE 522237.
2.THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYAT RURAL
DEVELOPMENT, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, PIN
CODE 522502

...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 topleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to assign national seniority to the

petitioners as per his ranking in the selected list i.e.. Si.No.51 on par with persons who have secured less merit than him with all consequential benefits and not extending benefits to the petitioners notionally on par with the others who have secure less merit than him is arbitrary, violation of principles of natural justice, apart from violation of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India, in the interest of justice and pass

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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 Pleased to direct the respondents to dispose the representation submitted by the petitioners on 10.12.2025 requesting notional seniority as per his placement in the selected list, in the interest of justice and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.C SRINIVASA BABA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR SERVICES I

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**W.P.No.150 of 2026****O R D E R:**

The Writ Petition is filed seeking a direction to the Respondent Authorities to assign notional seniority to the Petitioner as per his ranking in the selected list i.e., Sl.No.51, pursuant to the recruitment notification issued by the Respondent Authorities vide Notification No.29/2016 dated 27.12.2016.

2. The Petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Secretary Grade-IV pursuant to a Notification issued by the A.P.P.S.C. vide Notification No.29/2016 dated 27.12.2016. In the said notification, 1055 posts of Panchayat Secretary (Grade-IV) posts were notified and the Petitioner had appeared for the examination in the said notification and obtained a merit rank of '51' in the erstwhile Krishna District. However, the appointment was delayed on account of the factors beyond his control. Eventually he was appointed on 30.11.2019 as Panchayat Secretary (Grade-IV). As there was delay in giving appointment due to the factors beyond his control, the Petitioner gave

several representations for fixing of seniority as per the merit list issued by the Respondent Authorities under Rule 33(b) of the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rule. As the said representations were not being considered, the present Writ Petition is filed.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has been consistently giving representations to the Respondent authorities for fixing seniority, but the same is not being considered. He further submits that the latest representation is dated 10.12.2025.

4. Sri S. Raju, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-I submits that the representations of the Petitioner would be examined in terms of the rules in vogue and appropriate decision will be taken as expeditiously as possible.

5. Heard the respective counsel.

6. Considering the submissions made, the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

i) The Respondent Authorities are directed to examine the representations of the Petitioner, for fixing Notional Seniority, taking note of the Rule 33(b) of the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules and pass appropriate orders within three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order.

ii) There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Petition shall stand closed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY, J

Date: 06.01.2026

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