

THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

MONDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SARATH

WRIT PETITION NO: 4516 OF 2026

Between:

Dr. Velchala Praveen Rao, S/o. V. Damodar Rao, Aged about 68 years, Occ: Professor, Former Vice Chancellor (PJTAU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, R/o.Villa No.92, Ramky Tranquillas, Rock Church Road, Kismatpur, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad 500 030.

Petitioner ✓

AND

1. The State of Telangana, rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Finance and Planning, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad
2. The State of Telangana, rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
3. The Accountant General (Audit) Office, Hyderabad, Rep. by Principal Accountant General (Audit), Department of Indian Audit and Account, Secretariat Building, Hyderabad.
4. The Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Rep. by Registrar, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

Respondents ✓

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 appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the impugned proceedings vide No. 0359/Audit/2025 dated 02.02.2026 issued by Respondent No.4, seeking recovery of alleged excess pay after petitioner's retirement from service for more than Seven years, as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, unjust, and violative of the principles of natural justice, as well as Articles 14, 16, and 21 of the Constitution of India, and consequently set aside the same as being contrary to the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court. It is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to declare that the Petitioner is entitled to continue to draw pension and other retirement benefits already sanctioned, without any recovery, together with all consequential benefits.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026:

Petition under Section 151 CPC, praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents not to effect any recovery from the Petitioner's monthly pension by

suspending the operation of the impugned proceedings vide No. 0359/Audit/2025 dated 02.02.2026 by respondent No.4, pending disposal of WP. No. 4516 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the order of the High Court dated 13.02.2026 & 27.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri M.Ramgopal Rao, Advocate for the Petitioner, and the Special Govt. Pleader, representing the Addl. Advocate General, for Respondents, and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Learned Standing Counsel for respondents seeks further time to file counter.

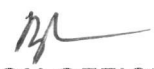
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List on 20.04.2026.

Till then, interim order granted by this Court on 13.02.2026 stands extended.

**Sd/- P.C.SULEKHA DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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HIGH COURT

SKJ

DATED:30.03.2026

List on 20.04.2026

ORDER

WP.No.4516 of 2026

EXTENSION OF INTERIM ORDER

