

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD**MAIN CASE No.W.P.No.46330 of 2016**

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	20.07.2026	<u>NBK, J</u> Heard Sri CH. Ganesh, learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Government Pleader for Services-I. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been working as Sweepers/Attenders in various Police Stations for several years and are being paid only consolidated wages instead of the minimum wages notified under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. It is contended that the issue is covered by the judgments of this Court in W.P.No.1045 of 2007, W.P. No.28140 of 2010 and W.P. No.5916 of 2011, which were affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) C.C. No.10630 of 2011, SLP (C) C.C. No.12558 of 2014 and SLP (C) No.15595 of 2015. Reliance is also placed on the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in State of Punjab v. Jagjit Singh and the interim order passed by this Court in W.P. No.10180 of 2026. Learned Government Pleader for Services-I, referring to the counter affidavit, submits that the petitioners are part-time/outsourced contingent workers engaged through a co-operative society	Transferred to i-order before corrections

		pursuant to G.O.Rt. No.1464 dated 28.09.2005, that their wages have been paid in accordance with the Government Orders issued from time to time, and that the question of payment of minimum wages falls within the policy and budgetary domain of the Government. Having regard to the rival submissions, the judgments relied upon by the petitioners, and considering that the petitioners are continuing in service, this Court is of the prima facie opinion that they have made out a case for grant of interim relief. Accordingly, there shall be an interim direction to the respondents to pay to the petitioners, who are continuing in service, the minimum wages as fixed by the District Collector of the concerned District under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, in terms of Gazette Notification No. C/802/2016, dated 03.10.2016, as revised from time to time, pending further orders in this writ petition. The respondents shall implement the said direction and ensure payment within a period of four (04) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The said payment shall be subject to the result of the writ petition. List on 17.08.2026. NBK, J	
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