

(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WP NO: 12675 OF 2026

Between

1. Abbu Prabhakar, S/o. Late A. Kistaiah.
2. Gummala Srinivasa Prasad, S/o. G. Raja Rao.
3. Mohammed Yousuf Saleem, S/o. Late Shri Mohammed Ilyas.
4. Srinivasulu Narayanaswamy Venkatesh Babu, S/o. Shri V S N Naidu.
5. Nellutla Harinath Rao, S/o. Late Shri N .Ranga Rao.
6. Lingannagaru Amarjeet Reddy, S/o. Late L. Venkatarami Reddy.
7. Itapu Bhanu Sri, W/o. Late Shri I. Ramesh Kumar.
8. Suru Venkata Kameswara Rao, S/o. Late Shri S. Ranga Rao.
9. Yathavakilla Lakshmi Durga, W/o. Late Shri YV. Narayana Rao.
10. Prabhakar, S/o. Shri Hiralal.
11. Uddandapu Venkata Appala Ravikishore, S/o. Late U. Nooka Raju.
12. Guddeti Rambaby, S/o. Late Shri G. Prasad Rao.
13. Morla Sri Hari, S/o. M .Venkata Narayana.
14. Vantaku Satyanarayana Murthy, S/o. Shri V. Satya Rao.
15. Jampalli Ravi Kiran, S/o. J. Sreedhareswara Rao.
16. Guntur Kishore Babu, S/o. Late Shri G .Devadanam.
17. Grandhi Vasanth Lakshmi, W/o. P.B. Mahesh Kumar.
18. Chaluvadi Sridhar, S/o. CH. Krishna Murthy.
19. Chippollu Eshwarappa, S/o. C. Shankarappa.
20. Pull Theertha Ramakrishna, S/o. Late Puli Siva Mallikarjuna Rao.

21. Potharaju Krishna, S/o. P. Balaiah.
22. Gandham Prapoorna Rani, W/o. V. Karunakara Rao.
23. Pinisetty Gopala Krishna, S/o. Late P. Varada Raju.
24. P. Jaya Shankar, S/o. Late C.N. Pandu Rangan.
25. Surasani Vivek Vardhan Reddy, S/o. Late S. Janga Reddy.
26. Manda Ravi Kumar, S/o. Late M. Achaiah.
27. S. L. Shashi Kala, W/o. U. Srinivasa Murthy.
28. Chappidi Srinivasu, S/o. Late CH . Bullebbai.
29. Urjana Mukhalingam, S/o. Late U. Ramaiah.
30. Chirra Lingamaiah, S/o. Late CH. Ramulu.
31. Swarna Raghava, S/o. S.S.T. Sai.
32. Aeruva Shiva Kumar, S/o. Late A. Pochaiah.
33. S. Sumathi, W/o. Venkata Ramana.
34. K. B. Joshy, S/o. Bala Krishnan.
35. Tekumudi Sarveshwar Rao, S/o. T. Subramanyam.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, Regional Office at 3-4-763, Bhavishyanidhi Bhavan, Barkatpura Chaman, Hyderabad - 500 027. Rep. by its Regional Commissioner-I
2. The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (EPFC), EPF Organization Regional Office, Barkatpura, Hyderabad.
3. M/s. Gallium Arsenide Enabling Technology Centre (GAETEC), a Unit of SITAR - Ministry of Defence, Government of India, Vignyanakancha Post, Hyderabad - 500 069, Rep. by its Authorized Signatory-Executive Officer, Finance GAETEC-SITAR, Govt. of India Society, DRDO, Vignyanakancha Post, Hyderabad - 500 069.
4. SITAR - a Government of India Society, DRDO, Vignyanakancha Post, Hyderabad - 500 069, Executive Office (Finance), Rep. by its Authorized Signatory.
5. SCL (Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd), Presently known as Semi Conductor Laboratory, SAS Nagar - 160 071 [Sector 72, Near Mohali] Punjab State, Rep. by its Director.

...Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named through their Advocate M/s. V UMA DEVI presented this 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 a Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondent No.2 Decision/Order on the Petitioner's Application Dt 27.03.2025 (for all the Petitioners rejection of the Joint Applications tendered/submitted by the Petitioners with regard to the (GAETEC) for Pension on Higher Wages is illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the principles of natural justice and violation of Article 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and also contrary to the judgment of a Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its reported judgment in SL.P (C) Nos. 8658 - 8659 of 2019, Dt 24.08.2021 and consequently set aside all the Proceedings of the 2nd Respondent, Dt 27.03.2026 (for all the Petitioners) and further direct the Employer - GAETEC/SITAR-DRDO/SCL (Respondent Nos. 3, 4 & 5 herein) to provide all the required information to the Employees' Provident Fund Office to enable the Petitioners to come under Pension on Higher Wages Scheme and consequently issue a direction, directing the 2nd Respondent herein to consider and accept the information/data provided by the employer of the Petitioners i.e., GAETEC/SITAR-DRDO/SCL (Respondent Nos. 3, 4 & 5) and also accept the options of the Petitioner's for Pension on Higher Wages

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and memorandum of grounds filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of M/s. V UMA DEVI Advocate for the Petitioner, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Regional Commissioner-I, Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, Regional Office at 3-4-763, Bhavishyanidhi Bhavan, Barkatpura Chaman, Hyderabad - 500 027.
2. The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (EPFC), EPF Organization Regional Office, Barkatpura, Hyderabad.
3. The Authorized Signatory-Executive Officer, Finance GAETEC-SITAR, M/s. Gallium Arsenide Enabling Technology Centre (GAETEC), a Unit of SITAR - Ministry of Defence, Government of India, Vignyanakancha Post, Hyderabad - 500 069, Govt. of India Society, DRDO, Vignyanakancha Post, Hyderabad - 500 069.
4. The Authorized Signatory, SITAR - a Government of India Society, DRDO, Vignyanakancha Post, Hyderabad - 500 069, Executive Office (Finance).
5. The Director, SCL (Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd), Presently known as Semi Conductor Laboratory, SAS Nagar - 160 071 Sector 72, Near Mohali Punjab State.

are directed to show cause on or before 01.05.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

The Court made the following:

ORDER

Notice before Admission.

Sri N.Bhujanga Rao, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, takes notice for respondent Nos.3 to 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent Nos.1 and 2 through Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service of the same.

List the matter on 01.05.2026.

**Sd/- A.JAYASREE
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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5. The Director, SCL (Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd), Presently known as Semi Conductor Laboratory, SAS Nagar - 160 071 Sector 72, Near Mohali Punjab State. [by SPAD-along with a copy of petition and affidavit]
6. One CC to Sri. V UMA DEVI Advocate [OPUC]
7. One CC to Sri. THAKUR NITENDER SINGH Advocate [OPUC]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

NBK, J

DATED: 22-04-2026

LIST ON 01.05.2026

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