

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

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL
WP NO: 15412 OF 2026

Between

Abdul Raheman, S/o. Abdul Wadood Khan,

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Panchayath Raj and Rural Development Department, State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The District Collector, Adilabad, Adilabad District.
4. The District Collector (Panchayath Wing), Adilabad, Adilabad District.
5. The District Panchayath Officer, Adilabad, Adilabad District.
6. The Divisional Panchayath Officer, Adilabad, Adilabad District.
7. The Gram Panchayath, Dongergaon, Gudihathnoor Mandal, Adilabad District, Rep. by its Panchayath Secretary.
8. Marumalla Orsu Maruti, S/o. Marumalla Orsu Laxman, Age. 43 years, Occ. Agriculture, R/o. H. No. 1-82, Dongergaon Village, Gudihanthnoor Mandal, Adilabad District.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate Sri. S SURENDER REDDY 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 a Writ of Mandamus declaring the proceedings issued by the 4th respondent vide proceedings No.90/K1.Pts/2026, dated 16.04.2026 in disqualifying the petitioner as Sarpanch of Dongergaon Grampanchayat, Gudihathnoor Mandal, Adilabad District without passing any speaking order, even though the Election O.P

No.1/2026 filed by the respondent no.8 is pending before the Election Tribunal-cum-Junior Civil Judge at Boath and even though the appeal filed by the petitioner before the government against the cancellation of caste certificate is pending for consideration, as illegal, arbitrary, abuse of process of law, violation of principles of natural justice and contrary to the provisions of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and its Rules and set aside the proceedings issued by the 4th respondent vide proceedings No.90/K1 .Pts/2026, dated 16.04.2026 in the interest of justice,

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and memorandum of grounds filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. S SURENDER REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner, Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj, for respondent Nos.1 to 6, Standing Counsel for Gram Panchayat, for respondent No.7, 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 Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Panchayath Raj and Rural Development Department, State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
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8. Marumalla Orsu Maruti, S/o. Marumalla Orsu Laxman, Occ. Agriculture, R/o. H. No. 1-82, Dongergaon Village, Gudihanthnoor Mandal, Adilabad District.

are directed to show cause on or before 08.06.2026 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.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj, takes notice for respondent Nos.1 to 6.

Learned Standing Counsel for Gram Panchayat, takes notice for respondent No.7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent No.8 by Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service before the Registry by the next date of listing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is challenging the impugned notice issued by respondent No.4 bearing No.90/K1.Pts/2026 dated 16.04.2026, wherein it is stated that in terms of Section 27(1) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 a notice of intimation of disqualification under provisions of Section 25 (b) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 is hereby issued to petitioner and if any dispute of correctness of the allegation so made, or where any member himself entertains any doubt whether, or not he become disqualified under Section 25 (b), such member or any other member may, and the Panchayat Secretary, at the direction of the Gram Panchayat or the District Collector shall, within a period of two months from the date on which such intimation is given or doubt is entertained, as the case may be, apply to the District Court having jurisdiction over the area in which office of the Gram Panchayat is situated for decision. It is further submitted that though the impugned notice dated 16.04.2026 is referred to as notice, however, an order of disqualification is issued to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relying upon the orders passed by a coordinate bench of this Court in *Sangam Srinivas Vs. State of Telangana and others*¹ (W.P.No.27918 of 2019 order dated 27.12.2019), would submit that in the impugned notice dated 16.04.2026, no explanation is sought from the petitioner to form an preliminary opinion and only the order of disqualification is issued to the petitioner *vide* impugned notice dated 16.04.2026.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj, appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 6 would submit that the aforesaid order dated 27.12.2019, clearly states that under Section 27 of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 only the District Court is vested with the powers to disqualify a member and would further submit that the notice bearing No.90/K1.Pts/2026 dated 16.04.2026 is only an intimation and not a notice of disqualification.

¹ 2020 (2) ALD 413 (TS)

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner pray this Court to grant liberty to the petitioner to submit explanation before the authorities concerned.

This matter requires detailed examination and the facts can be ascertained only upon filing written instructions/counter by the official respondents.

In the meantime, liberty is granted to the petitioner to submit his explanation before the authorities concerned.

List on 08.06.2026.

Sd/- A.JAYASREE
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
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9. One CC to Sri. S SURENDER REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
11. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

EVV, J

DATED: 05-05-2026

LIST ON: 08.06.2026

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