



**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR**

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE PULLA KARTHIK
WRIT PETITION NO: 18758 OF 2023**

Between:

Ch. Vimala Venkata Ramana, D/o. Ram Mohan Rao

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Ser.I) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Telangana, 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 a writ, order or direction more in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not considering the just claims of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Tahsildar on par with persons who were re-allotted during 2017 and 2018 to the same post without any justification or reasonable cause on the untenable ground that her selection to the post of Deputy Tahsildar was revised and re-allotted to State of A.P., in the Revised Selection List dated 10/5/2018 but continuing in the department as Deputy Tahsildar based on the orders of this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No. 30837 of 2021, dated 29/11/2021 is as illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory, unjust and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the Fundamental Right for consideration of promotion at rightful time and consequently hold that the petitioner is entitled for promotion to the post of Tahsildar along with 2017 and 2018 Naib Tahsildars;

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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 to direct the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Tahsildar in the existing vacancies without reference to pendency of W.P.No. 30837 of 2021, Pending disposal of WP 18758 of 2023, 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 upon hearing the arguments of Sri.P NARASIMHA Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR SERVICES II Advocate for the Respondents and the Court made the following.

**ORDER:**

Heard both sides.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the Notification No.10/99, the petitioner was appointed as Assistant Commercial Tax Officer during March, 2005. Thereafter, she was promoted to the post of Deputy Commercial Tax Officer. Basing on the revised selection list published by the A.P. Public Service Commission during the year 2017, she was selected as Deputy Tahsildar and accordingly, she joined in the said post during April, 2018 and since then she has been working as such. Thereafter, her services were regularized in the said cadre and probation was also declared. Therefore, she is entitled for further promotion to the post of Tahsildar based on her seniority and eligibility.

While so, the Public Service Commission has again revised the selection list, published the same on 10.05.2018 and in the said list, though the petitioner was selected to the post of Deputy Tahsildar, allotted to Zone IV under non-local category.

Aggrieved by the same, petitioner approached this Court by way of W.P.No.30837 of 2021 and this Court passed interim order on 29.11.2021, directing the respondents not to disturb the petitioner from the post she actually holding, until further orders and the said writ petition is still pending. It is further stated that as per seniority, petitioner is entitled for promotion to the post of Tahsildar along with others, however, the respondents are not considering her case on the ground that she was re-allotted to the State of Andhra Pradesh in 2018. It is further stated that in other departments viz., Commercial Tax and Cooperation Departments, except Revenue Department, the cases of similarly situated persons to that of petitioner viz., Mr.K. Satish, Mr. B. Narsi Reddy, Mr.B.Naga Raju and Mr. V.Buggappa were considered and were promoted to higher posts vide proceedings TS CCT's Ref.No.D2/285/2018, dated 26.03.2021. Therefore, petitioner is entitled for promotion to the post of Tahsildar on par with the above persons. Learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to the interim order dated 06.07.2023 passed in W.P.No.15195 of 2023, wherein, this Court has considered the request of a similarly situated person and directed the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner therein for promotion to the post of Deputy Collector.

Though the petitioner has specifically raised a plea that the cases of similarly situated persons were considered in other departments, no specific reply has been made in the counter affidavit.



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In view of the above, there shall be interim direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Tahsildar, in accordance with law, as was done in the cases of similarly situated persons in other departments.

SD/-K.SREERAMA MURTHY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Ser.I) Department, State of Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad.
(1 & 2 by RPAD)
3. One CC to SRI. P NARASIMHA Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR SERVICES II, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
5. One spare copy



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HIGH COURT

PK, J

DATED:23/04/2024

POST THE MATTER ON 3.7.2024
UNDER THE CAPTION 'FINAL HEARING'

ORDER

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INTERIM DIRECTION