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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**AT AMARAVATI**
**(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

FRIDAY, THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 30742 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. G V RAGAIAH, S/o. Venkateswarlu, Aged 60 Years, Line Inspector Tanguturu Rural Section, APCPDCL, Marlapadu, Ongole Division, Prakasam District, R/o. Kopulu, Prakasam District

**...Petitioner**

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Secretariat Bldgs, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District 522237

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Secretariat Bldgs, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District 522237

3. The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution, Co. Ltd (APCPDCL) Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director, 19-13-65/A, Srinivasapuram, Tiruchanur Road, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 517 501

4. A P Transco, Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director, 0/o. Vidyth Soudha, Gunadala, Eluru Road, Vijayawada, NTR District 520004

5. The Superintendent Engineer Operations, The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Co., Ltd (APfPDCL), Ongole, Prakasam District 523002

**...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 particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus, declaring the action on the part of the Respondents in not inducting the petitioner into service even though the Respondent No.2 has issued G 0 Ms No.15 dated 31.1.2022 increased the age of superannuation from 60 years to 62 years to all Government Employees working in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Recommendations of the Group of Ministers for explanation of age benefit for all other employees of the Institutions mentioned in the IX and X Schedules of the A.P. Reorganization Act 2014 which was communicated vide L.No.1813129- HR-IV, FR LR dated 23.3.2026 and a decision is pending finalization before respondent No. 1 to 5 in pursuance of the direction given by the Hon'ble High Court vide Order dated 5.5.2026 in WA No. 980 of 2025 as arbitrary, illegal, colorable exercise of power apart from being fundamental rights guaranteed to petitioner under Articles 14, 16, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 3rd Respondent to induct the petitioner in service till he attain age of 62 years with all consequential benefits and to pass such other orders.

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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 3rd Respondent herein to re induct the Petitioner into service till he attains the age of 62 years as Line Inspector Tanguturu Rural Section, APCPDCL Marlapadu, Ongole Division, Prakasam District pending disposal of the above WP in the interest of justice and to pass such other orders.

**Counsel for the Petitioner: A SREEDHAR**

**Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES I**

**Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR SERVICES II**

**The Court made the following order:**

**Whether the order is :**

Speaking Yes/No / Reasoned Yes/No
Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable Yes/No

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY**

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**ORDER:**

1. The present Writ Petition is filed questioning the action of the Respondents in proposing to relieve the Petitioner on 31.07.2026, on attaining the age of 60 years instead of 62 years, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The Petitioner is working as Line Inspector in The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., (for short 'APCPDCL'). The Government, amended the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984, and enhanced the age of superannuation to 62 years to all the regular employees of the Government.

3. Subsequently, the State Government issued G.O.Ms.No.45, Fin (HR.IV-FR&LR) Department, dated 02.07.2026, enhancing the age of regular employees of entities listed in schedule IX and X of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014. In the light of the above, the Petitioner seeks for enhancement of age of superannuation for 62 years from 60 years.

4. Learned Standing Counsel for APCPDCL Sri V.V. Satish would submit that the Respondent-authorities had constituted a Six-Member Committee on 13.06.2026 vide T.O.O (Addl. Secy-Per) Ms.No.4258, for examining the feasibility of enhancement of age of superannuation for employees of the Andhra Pradesh Power Utilities.

5. Heard the respective counsels.

6. In the light of the above, the present Writ Petition is disposed of, at the stage of admission, with the consent of both the counsel, with the following directions:

i) The Respondent-authorities shall continue the Petitioners till the age of 62 years or till a comprehensive decision is taken by the Committee, constituted vide T.O.O (Addl. Secy-Per) Ms.No.4258, dated 13.06.2026, for enhancement of the age of superannuation from 60 to 62 years, as the case may be.

ii) There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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**NYAPATHY VIJAY, J**

Date: 16.10.2026

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