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

WEDNESDAY, THE 15th DAY OF JULY 2026
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY
WRIT PETITION NO: 30451 OF 2026

Between:

1. Ch.Ramesh, S/o Ch Eliya, aged 44 years, Occ Forest Section Officer, Wild Life Management Kaikaluru range, Special duty of Kailauru Range, Eluru District-521333

2. Y. Asha Jhothi, D/o Y. Adam, aged 48 years, Occ Typist cum Computer Operator, Wild Life Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District 534001.

3. Gantasala Raju, S/o G. Narasimha Rao, aged 52 years, Occ Kaikaluru Range Officer, Wild Life Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District- 534001 .

4. Y.Srinivas, S/o Y.Buchiyya, aged 56, Occ Office Subordinate, District Forest Officer Office, Eluru, Wild Life Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District -534001.

5. M.Krishnam Raju, S/o Sambamurthi, aged 36 years,Occ Forest Beat Officer, Mandavali Beat, Mandavali section, Kaikaluru range,Wildlife Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District- 521345.

6. G.Rava Kanth, S/o G.Joseph, aged 47 years, Occ Assistant Forest Beat Officer, Siddapuram beat, Akivedu Section, Kaikaluru range, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Division, Eluru District- 534235.

7. M.Chitti Babu, S/o M.Nagarjuna, aged 35 years, Occ Assistant Forest Beat Officer, Alapadu Beat, Kaikaluru Range, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District- 521340.

8. J.Pushapanjali, S/o J.Srinivasa Rao, aged 41 years, Assistant Forest Beat Officer, Akivedu Beat, Akivedu Section, Kaikaluru Range Wildlife Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District- 534235.

9. J.Sridevi, D/o J.Venkateswararao, aged 37 years, Occ Assistant Forest Beat Officer, Nidamarru Beat, Nidamarru Section, Eluru range, Eluru District-534195.

10. S.Eswararao, S/o S.PRasadarao, aged 38 years, Occ Assistant Forest Beat Officer , Adavi Kolanu Beat, Nidamarru Section Eluru Range, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District-534198.

11. S.Balaji, S/o S.Subbarao, aged 37 years, Occ Assistant Forest Beat Officer, Chettunnapadu Beat, Bhimadol Section, Eluru Range, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru, Eluru District- 534427.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Special chief secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District-522238
2. The State of A P, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Finance Department, A.P. Secretariat, 1st Floor, 2 nd Block, Velagapudi, Guntur Dist-522238

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Head of forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist-5222001

...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 topleased to issue a Writ , order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents Nos. 1 and 2 not taking the action on the proposals of the 3rd respondent vide Ref.No.16/3/2025(48619/2006)HR.2 dated 04.8.2026 regarding the regularisation of the petitioners services along with others in light of G.O.Ms.No. 114 Finance(HR.1 Plg.and Policy) Dept., Dt. 21.10.2023 is as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to law, Violation of principles of natural justice, violation of Article 14, 16 and 21 of constitution of India and further direct the 1st and 2nd respondents to take action for regularisation of services of the petitioner's with effect from 01.04.2024 on per with similarly placed candidates in G.O.Ms. No. 31 dated 10.8.2026 and G.O.Ms.No 55 E and F(Sec.V) Dept dated 29.9.26 issued by the 1st respondent before 20.10.2026 which is locking period and pass

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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 pleased to direct the 1st & 2nd respondents to take action for regularisation of services of the petitioner's with effect from 01.04.2024 on per with similarly placed candidates in G.O.Ms. No. 31 dated 10.8.2026 and G.O.Ms.No 55 E&F(Sec.V) Dept dated 29.9.26 issued by the 1st respondent, before 20.10.2026 which is locking period and pass

Counsel for the Petitioners: T V V KOTESWARA RAO

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

The Court made the following order:

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

W.P.No.30451 of 2026

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the action of Respondent Nos.1 and 2 in not taking the action on the proposals of Respondent No.3 vide dated 04.08.2026 for regularization of Petitioners services, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. Petitioners were appointed on contract basis in the Forest Department in various posts and are discharging duties in various places.

3. While so, State Government enacted the Andhra Pradesh Regularisation of Services of Contract Employees Act, 2023 providing mechanism for regularization of contract employees and pursuant to the same, proposals for regularization of the Petitioners were forwarded vide proceedings dated 04.08.2026 by the 3rd Respondent to the 1st Respondent, wherein the names of the Petitioners were also included for regularisation. As no further action has been taken, the present writ petition is filed.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Services-I would submit that the regularization of the Petitioners is under active consideration and appropriate decision will be communicated to the Petitioners.

5. Heard Sri. T.V.V. Koteswara Rao, learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned Government Pleader for Services-I.

6. Considering the submissions made, the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

i) The Respondent Authorities are directed to consider the cases of the Petitioners for regularization under the Andhra Pradesh Regularisation of Services of Contract Employees Act, 2023 as expeditiously as possible.

ii) There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions if any shall stand dismissed.

NYAPATHY VIJAY,J

Date: 15.10.2026

KLP/VSR