

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

W.P. No. of 2025

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Place : Amaravati,
Date: 03.04.2025

D.V.L.
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MEMORANDUM OF WRIT PETITION
(UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

W.P. No. of 2025

Between:

A.Venkata Maruthi Rama,
S/o. Late Dhanwanthari Acharyulu,
Age 43 Years, Occ : Archaka (under suspension) in
Sri Seetharama Swamyvari Temple,
Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural, NTR District

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh,
Revenue (Endowments) Department,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Office at Velgapudi, secretariat Buildings,
Amaravathi, Guntur District.
2. The Commissioner Endowments Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Office at Gollapudi, Vijayawada,
Krishna District.
3. The District Endowment Officer,
Vijayawada, NTR District
4. Sri Seetharama Swamyvari Temple,
Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural, NTR District.
Rep. by its Executive Officer

...Respondents

address for service of notices, process etc., on the above-named
petitioner is that of his Counsel **Sri D.V.Sasidhar (10944), Advocate,**
H.No.71-4-6, Patamata, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit filed in
the support of the above writ petition, Hence In view of the facts and
circumstances as stated above It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble
Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ order or direction

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more particularly, one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, Declaring the action of the 4th respondent in issuing proceedings in Lr. No. Nil dated 08.08.2024, suspending the petitioner as bad, illegal, arbitrary, without application of mind, unreasoned, violative of principles of natural justice, without jurisdiction and violative of Article 14, 16, 21 & 25 of Constitution of India and consequentially set aside the same and direct the respondents to reinstate the petitioner into service and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Amaravati

Date: 03.04.2025

D.v4 _____
COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER

DISTRICT :: Krishna

IN THE HIGH COURT OF
ANDHRA PRADESH AT

AMARAVATI

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WRIT PETITION

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SRI D.V.SASIDHAR(10944)
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COUNSEL FOR PETITIONERS

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

W.P. No. of 2025

Between:

A.Venkata Maruthi Rama

... petitioner

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh & others

... Respondents

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ANNEXURE – I

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01.	08.08.2024	I submit that, the present writ petition is filed challenging the action of the 4 th respondent in issuing proceedings in Lr. No. Nil dated 08.08.2024, suspending the petitioner as bad, illegal, arbitrary, without application of mind, unreasoned, violative of principles of natural justice, without jurisdiction and violative of Article 14, 16, 21 & 25 of Constitution of India.	7/8.	2
02.	08.08.2024	I submit that, while the matter stood thus the E.O. has suspended me from services on 08.08.2024 mentioning the same is done as per Sec. 37 of Act 30/87. Thereafter no enquiry officer was appointed, no charges are framed, no explanation was sought and no procedure was followed as on today. But I am continued under suspension as on today, challenging the suspension order dated 08.08.2024 the present writ petition is filed. I am not aware of the reasons for suspension also.	8	4
03.	NIL	I submit that, as per Rule 6 (1) proviso of GO 830 the suspension period shall not exceed more than 6 months without previous orders of the	9	6

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		competent authority. In the instant case no such orders are passed by the 2 nd respondent for extension of my suspension. Further no subsistence allowance is paid as on today.	9	6
04.	23.12.2020	I further submit that, referring to Ajay Kumar Choudary Vs Union of India (2015 Law Suit (SC177)) this Hon'ble court has allowed a writ petition in the similar circumstances on 23.12.2020 in WP No. 19625/2020 observing that keeping the suspension beyond 6 months as bad. I also stand in the similar footing and my suspension has to be revoked.	9	8

ANNEXURE – II

Under Article 226 of Constitution of India

Amaravati,
Date: 03.04.2025

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COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER

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Rep. by its Executive Officer

...Respondents

AFFIDAVIT FILED BY THE PETITIONER

I, A.Venkata Maruthi Rama, S/o. Late Dhanwanthari Acharyulu, Age 43 Years, Occ : Archaka (under suspension) in Sri Seetharama Swamyvari Temple, Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural, NTR District, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:

1. I am the petitioner herein, as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case.
2. I submit that, the present writ petition is filed challenging the action of the 4th respondent in issuing proceedings in Lr. No. Nil dated



A.V. Maruthi Rama

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08.08.2024, suspending the petitioner as bad, illegal, arbitrary, without application of mind, unreasoned, violative of principles of natural justice, without jurisdiction and violative of Article 14, 16, 21 & 25 of Constitution of India.

3. I submit that, initially from our forefather's time we were rendering archakatvam hereditarily in the 4th respondent temple. The 4th respondent temple was registered U/Sec. 43 and brought under the purview of Endowments Department first time in the year 2005. At the time of preparation of Sec. 43 register my name was entered as archaka on consolidated pay in the Sec. 43 register approved on 15.10.2005. Thereafter my pay was increased gradually and till my suspension I was paid Rs.15,625/-, the said amount was sanctioned to me by the 3rd respondent vide orders dated 30.10.2023. I was also allotted archaka code 13791.
4. I submit that, while the matter stood thus the E.O. has suspended me from services on 08.08.2024 mentioning the same is done as per Sec. 37 of Act 30/87. Thereafter no enquiry officer was appointed, no charges are framed, no explanation was sought and no procedure was followed as on today. But I am continued under suspension as on today, challenging the suspension order dated 08.08.2024 the present writ petition is filed. I am not aware of the reasons for suspension also.
5. I submit that, as per the rules framed U/GOMs No. 830 dated 18.08.1989, as per Sec. 37, 38 & 153 of Act 30/87 no order of punishment or suspension can be passed without following the procedure laid down Rule 19 of the APCS (CCCA) Rules, 1963 presently read as Rule 20 of APCS (CCCA) Rules, 1991 i.e. imputation of charges, appointment of enquiry officer, opportunity of submitting written defense, cross examining the witness, proposal of





the punishment, opportunity to submit representation to the same, notice before final penalty etc., The said procedure is not followed in the instant case and I am continued under suspension even after lapse of around 8 months without even paying the subsistence allowance.

6. I submit that, as per Rule 6 (1) proviso of GO 830 the suspension period shall not exceed more than 6 months without previous orders of the competent authority. In the instant case no such orders are passed by the 2nd respondent for extension of my suspension. Further no subsistence allowance is paid as on today.
7. I submit that, once the procedure is followed invoking the rules for suspending me the entire procedure has to be followed as per the rules. Further as per GOMs No. 888 the service rules applies to an office holder or servant who is remunerated by the institution either a whole time or part time functionary, but it is nowhere mentioned regular or a consolidated employee, as such service rules and office holders and punishment rules applies to my case and procedure has to be followed including Principles of Natural Justice.
8. I further submit that, referring to Ajay Kumar Choudary Vs Union of India (2015 Law Suit (SC177)) this Hon'ble court has allowed a writ petition in the similar circumstances on 23.12.2020 in WP No. 19625/2020 observing that keeping the suspension beyond 6 months as bad. I also stand in the similar footing and my suspension has to be revoked.
9. I further submit that, I have submitted representations on 08.01.2025 and the same representation is resubmitted on 01.04.2025 to reinstate me and continue my service but no action is taken as on today. Further forcefully my charge was taken over by the E.O. on



31.03.2025. The present employment is the only source of income to myself and my family and if I am not reinstated into service, I will be put to irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated by any means. Hence the present writ petition is filed.

10. I submit that the petitioner has no other alternative and efficacious remedy except to approach this Hon'ble Court under Article 226 of constitution of India.
11. I submit that the petitioner has not filed any suit, application or petitions before any court of law and we have not sought for any similar relief.

~~For the reasons stated above, it is prayed that this Hon'ble~~
Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ order or direction more particularly, one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, Declaring the action of the 4th respondent in issuing proceedings in Lr. No. Nil dated 08.08.2024, suspending the petitioner as bad, illegal, arbitrary, without application of mind, unreasoned, violative of principles of natural justice, without jurisdiction and violative of Article 14, 16, 21 & 25 of Constitution of India and consequentially set aside the same and direct the respondents to reinstate the petitioner into service and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Pending disposal of the writ petition it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to suspend the operation of the impugned proceedings of the 4th respondent dated 08.08.2024 and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Solemnly affirmed and signed
before me on this the 3rd day
of April 2025 at Amaravathi.

ADVOCATE :: Amaravathi



(Shah)

A.V. Mahesh

Deponent

VERIFICATION

I, A.Venkata Maruthi Rama, S/o. Late Dhanwanthari Acharyulu, Age 43 Years, Occ : Archaka (under suspension) in Sri Seetharama Swamyvari Temple, Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural, NTR District, being petitioner/person acquainted with the facts do hereby verify and state that the contents of paras of the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition are true to my personal knowledge, belief and are based on legal advice believed to be correct. Hence verified on this the 3rd day of April, 2025 at Amaravathi.

D.V. _____

Counsel for the Petitioner

A.V. Maruthi Rama
Deponent

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ప్రముఖ కార్యకర్తల నామాల పేర్లు
శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం
వేదాంగం (ముద్ర)
వేదాంగం (ముద్ర)

విషయం: 08/08/24

విషయం: ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
ముండ్లం - ఎన్.వి.ఎస్. రోడ్ - శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం
వేదాంగం (ముద్ర) శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం
విషయం ముండ్లం వాల్మీకి వారి వేదాంగం

సూచిక: - ది: 12/07/24 న సదురు గ్రామానికి గ్రామస్థులు
ఇచ్చిన అభిప్రాయం ప్రకారం
R.C. నెం: A./150455/2024 తేది: 08/08/24 శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం
ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం

ముండ్లం లోని ఎన్.వి.ఎస్. రోడ్ గ్రామానికి కల శ్రీ సీతారామ
స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం లో ఉన్నట్లుగా విషయం నిర్ధారించు
చున్న శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం ప్రకారం
లోని భక్తులు ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
ఫిర్యాదు చేసినట్లుగా సదురు ఫిర్యాదుల ద్వారా తెలి
యచున్నట్లు విషయం సదురు ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
వాల్మీకి వేదాంగం మేల ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
కం/81 లోని సెక్షన్ 30 ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
కంగా విషయం ముండ్లం వాల్మీకి వారి వేదాంగం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
వారి కలయికను సులభంగా చేయటం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
ఇట్లు, పంపించిన అభిప్రాయం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం
అభిప్రాయం ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం ప్రకారం

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P. అం.

08/08/24

కార్యనిర్వహణాధికారి,

శ్రీ సీతారామ స్వామి వారి వేదాంగం

ఎన్.వి.ఎస్. రోడ్, గ్రామం,

వేదాంగం ద్వారా ప్రాప్తమైన సమాచారం

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శ్రీయుత గౌరవ కార్యనిర్వహణ అధికారి కార్యాలయం, శ్రీ సీతారామస్వామి వారి దేవస్థానం, ఎనికేపాడు గ్రామం, విజయవాడ రూరల్ మండలం

లేక సంఖ్య : నిల్/08/08/24

విషయం : దేవాదాయ ధర్మాదాయ శాఖ - విజయవాడ రూరల్ మండలం, ఎనికేపాడు గ్రామం - శ్రీ సీతారామస్వామి వారి దేవస్థానం అర్చక శ్రీ A.V మారుతి రామ విధుల నుండి తాత్కాలిక తొలగింపు.

సూచిక :

1. తేదీ 12-07-2024 సదరు గ్రామంలోని గ్రామస్తులు ఇచ్చిన లిఖిత పూర్వక ఫిర్యాదు.
2. R.C నెం. A/150455/2020 తేదీ 08-08-2024 శ్రీ యుత DEO విజయవాడ వారి లేఖ.

దేవాదాయ ధర్మాదాయ శాఖ విజయవాడ రూరల్ మండలంలోని ఎనికేపాడు గ్రామంలో గల శ్రీ సీతారామస్వామి వారి దేవస్థానంలో అర్చకునిగా విధులు నిర్వహించుచున్న శ్రీ A.V. మారుతి రామ అను మీపై సదరు గ్రామంలోని భక్తులు అనేక అభియోగాలతో లిఖితపూర్వక ఫిర్యాదు చేసి ఉన్నారు. సదరు ఫిర్యాదుల ద్వారా తెలియచున్నది ఏమనగా సదరు దేవాలయంలో ధూప దీప నైవేద్యములు జరుపక సరేనా గుడి దగ్గా శ్రీ సీతారామస్వామి వారి దేవాలయ ప్రతిష్ఠకు భంగం వాటిల్లే విధంగా మీ ప్రవర్తన ఉన్నందున సదరు విచారణ పెండింగ్లో ఉన్నందున దేవాదాయ ధర్మాదాయ శాఖ చట్టం 30/87 లోని సెక్షన్ 37 ప్రకారం మమ్మలను తాత్కాలికంగా విధుల నుండి తొలగించడమైనది. మరియు శ్రీ స్వామివారి ఆలయంనకు సంబంధించి విలువైన బంగారం వెండి ఇత్తడి పంచలోహ ఆభరణాలు ఏమైనా ఉన్న ఎడల కాలంతో సహా అప్పగించవలసినదిగా ఆదేశించడం అయినది.

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కార్య నిర్వహణ అధికారి
శ్రీ సీతారామస్వామి వారి దేవస్థానం
ఎనికేపాడు గ్రామం
విజయవాడ రూరల్ మండలం

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Office of the Honorable Executive Officer
Sri Sitaramaswami Vari Devasthanam,
Enikepadu Village, Vijayawada Rural Mandal

Letter No: Nil/08/08/24

Subject: Endowments Department – Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Enikepadu Village – Temporary Removal of Archaka Sri A.V. Maruthi Rama from Duties.

References:

1. Written complaint submitted by the villagers of Enikepadu, dated 12-07-2024.
2. Letter from Honorable DEO, Vijayawada, R.C No. A/150455/2020, dated 08-08-2024.

It has been brought to our notice through multiple complaints submitted by devotees of Enikepadu village that Sri A.V. Maruthi Rama, who has been serving as an Archaka at Sri Sitaramaswami Vari Devasthanam, has engaged in conduct that is detrimental to the sanctity of the temple. The complaints allege that daily rituals such as Dhupa, Deepa, and Naivedyam have not been performed properly, and his behavior has been inappropriate, affecting the temple's reputation. Since an inquiry into these allegations is pending, you are hereby temporarily removed from your duties as per Section 37 of the Endowments Act 30/87. Additionally, you are instructed to hand over any gold, silver, brass, or Panchaloha ornaments belonging to the temple, along with proper records.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-xx

Executive Officer

Sri Sitaramaswami Vari Devasthanam
Enikepadu Village, Vijayawada Rural Mandal

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మహాకవి శ్రీ దేవా దాయకగారియ
శాఖ కేమిషనరీ, గొల్లపల్లిగూడె
విజయవాడ వారి ఇంట్లో సమీక్షించి

విజయవాడ కుర్రత లిండులం, ఎనికేవాడుల వేంచేసియున్న
శ్రీ సీతాశని స్వామివారి ఆర్చితమైన ఆర్చిత మామల
రామ వ్రాండుల దానిల చేసుకొని పితృపూజనములు :

విషయము: అర్చన, అక్షయ సమైక్య
 కమిషన్, విధులకు ఆసక్తి
 గలవారు.

పైన పేరాన్ని ఎనికేపాడు శ్రీ నీలాచారిస్వామి
దేవస్థానములు నేను గత 24 సం॥ నుండి అర్చనగా
పనిచేయుచున్నాను. నాతాత, తండ్రు ప్రాదీవాలయ ప్రతిష్ఠ
తాలయ నుండి ప్రాసగా 100 సం॥ పైగా అర్చకులుగా పనిచేసి
నాకు. నేను వంశపాఠం పుత్రులుగా అర్చకులుగా పనిచేయు
నాను. సకల దేవాలయములకు 8 వికరముల 74 కేంట్లు
భూమి అక్రమముగా అబద్ధముచేసి ఒక వ్యక్తి తన కుమారుల
పేరున లిఖింపజేసి చాటుగా, నేను గట్టిగా పట్టుకొని శిక్షాంతి
తానన సమర్థుల దృష్టికి తెచ్చి అన్యాయముల తాకింపబడు అడ్డుకొన్నా
ను. అందుకు నాపేతకవహించిన వ్యక్తి ఇంటివలకలము
ల తన అనుచుల రాజకీయ నాయకులతో నేను సాక్షువారి
సభ్యులు సరిగా పోయియుంటేదని అబద్ధపు అభియోగముల
పేర్లు సకల అలయ అర్చనార్థమనాథి కారిపే, ఇతర అధికారి
ములపే వత్తిడి తెచ్చి నన్ను విధుల నుండి బి. 8. 8. 24 వతే
దిన సస్సండు బియ్యంబునాకు. నాకు ఎట్టు నోతోసులు వ్యవహార
కనిస వీచారగు యువతాడు. సహజ స్వాభాసూత్రముల
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తన నన్ను సస్సండు చేసి నాకు. క్రొత్త తమిళ సువిగ్రహార
ణ్ణు విధిపంబు నాపే సస్సండు నేల వత్తిపయింబు, అరిగి విధుల
లు చేయుత గలంబుల కు మిక్కిలి ప్రాంతింబునున్నాను.

ಎನಿ ಕೆವಾಡು.
ಶಿಖರಾಪುರ.
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To,
The Honorable Commissioner,
Endowments Department,
Gollapudi, Vijayawada.

Petition submitted by Agnihotram Maruti Rama, the priest of Sri Sitarama Swamy Temple, located in Vijayawada Rural Mandal.

Respected Sir,

Subject: Request for Revocation of Unlawful Suspension and Reinstatement into Duties.

I have been serving as an Archaka (priest) at Sri Sitaramaswami Devasthanam, Enikepadu, for the past 24 years. My grandfather and father have also served as priests for over 100 years, ever since the temple's establishment. I inherited this role through hereditary succession. A certain individual attempted to illegally usurp 8 acres and 74 cents of temple land by registering it under his son's name. I strongly opposed this and brought the matter to the notice of the local MLA, thereby preventing the illegal encroachment. Out of vengeance, this individual recently colluded with political leaders and falsely accused me of not performing temple services properly. Under their pressure, I was unlawfully suspended on 08-08-2024, without receiving any notice or undergoing any inquiry. More than four months have passed, and no investigation has been conducted. My suspension was purely due to political pressure, violating principles of natural justice. Therefore, I humbly request a thorough inquiry into my case and appeal for the revocation of my suspension so that I may be reinstated in my duties.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/x-xx

Enikepadu,
Vijayawada
Date: 08-01-2025



File 10278713/25

మహాశక్తి దేవాలయస్థానము
Dt: 11/4/25 శాఖ కమిషనరు, గొల్లపల్లి
(17) విజయవాడ వారిచివ్ర సమీక్షించు

విజయవాడ ధూరత లిండులం, ఎనికేపాడు శ్రీ సీతారామిస్వామి
శ్రీ సీతారామిస్వామి వారి ఆర్చనకు అన్ని మాత్రం మాకుతో
రావ వ్రాయించి దాఖలు చేసు కును పేజీ పని చివరమున .

అందుకు,

విషయము: ఆర్చన ఆక్రమి సప్తమన
రమిపరచి, విధులలోకి తీసుకు
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ను. అందుకు నాప కకవహించిన వ్యక్తి ఇటీవల తలము
ల తన అనుమతి తొలగించి నాను స్వామి వారి
సజ్జసు సరిగా చేయించు తీరని అబద్ధపు అభియోగముల
పేరే సవకు అలయ ఆర్చన నిర్వహణలో తొలిప, ఇతర అవతత
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ఎనికేపాడు
విజయవాడ
8. 1. 2025

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E. No: 10278713/2025

Date: 01-04-2025

To,
The Honorable Commissioner,
Endowments Department,
Gollapudi, Vijayawada.

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Yours faithfully,
Sd/x-xx

Enikepadu,
Vijayawada
Date: 08-01-2025

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31/3/25 A.V. మారుత దాజురా ఉప్పుగొర్రుచుడిన వస్తువులు.

వెండి వస్తువులు

పంచలోహములు

1. పంచ పాత్రులు - 5

1. విగ్రహములు - 4

2. సవర్ణము - 1

2. సంగ్రహములు - 2 ప్లట్లు

1. బసె

3. కర్రలు - 2

4. ఉడ్డులు - 2

ఇచ్చడి వస్తువులు

1. మనకలకలములు - 2

2. అభయ హస్తం - 1

3. వక్షస్థలం - 3

4. పాణిపట్టం - 1

5. వీరలు - 1

6. కుందులు - 2

7. ఇచ్చడి ప్లట్లు - 2

పైన తెలుపబడిన వెండి ఇచ్చడి పంచలోహములు అనియం
కాత్త నిర్వాహనాధికారికి వారికి సోపాన పంపించుచున్నాను.

A.V. మారుత దాజురా
Handed over 31-3-25

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31/3/25
taken over

Executive Officer
Sr: Seetharama Swamy Temple
Enikepadu (V), Vijayawada Rural (M)
NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.

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To the Rama Lakshmi Rao

J. Lakshmi Narayan

G. V. Rao

(K. V. Subba Rao)

Pradosh of

K. Lakshmi Narayan

Ch. Venkatakrishna

P. Venkateswara

(S)

K. Bhagya Rao

V. Subbarao

J. Srinivas

Ch. Lakshmi Narayan

30th Dec 1950

N. Ramakrishna Rao

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31-03-2025

Items Handed Over by A.V. Maruti

Silver Items:

1. Panchapatras – 5
2. Saligramas – 2 plates, 1 bowl
3. Satari – 2
4. Udharini – 2

Panchaloha Items:

1. Idols – 4
2. Sudarshana – 1

Brass Items:

1. Makara Toranams – 2
2. Abhaya Hasa – 1
3. Vakshasthalam – 3
4. Panipattam – 1
5. Harati – 1
6. Kundulu – 27, Brass Plates – 2

All the above-mentioned silver, brass, and Panchaloha items have been handed over to the Executive Officer.

Sd/-xx
Executive Officer,
Sri Seetharama Swamy Temple,
Enikepadu (V), Vijayawada Rural (M),
NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.

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Office of the Assistant Commissioner
Endowments Department, Vijayawada,
N.T.R.District.

Rc.No.A1/E.No.110989/2023, ADM Dt.30.10.2023

Sub:- Endowments Department - N.T.R District - Sri Seetharama Swamy Temple- Enikepadu (V), Vijayawada Rural (M) - Sri A.V. Maruthirama Archaka- Enhancement of salary from 10,000/- to 15,625/- orders-issued-Regarding..

Ref:- Lr.No.Nil/2023, Dt.13.09.2023 from the Executive Officer of the Subject Temple.

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In view of the circumstances explained by the Executive Officer of subject temple is hereby accorded permission to enhance the salary of Sri A.V.Maruthirama, Archaka from Rs. 10,000/- to 15,625/-

She is further instructions to seek Supplementary budget sanction for the year 2023-24 to the above head.

Sd/-Santhi Kalingiri
Assistant Commissioner

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31/10/23

KUNSETTY
Superintendent

To

- 1.The Executive Officer of the subject temple.
- 2.Copy to the Inspector, Endowments Department, Vijayawada.

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ఆంధ్ర ప్రదేశ్ ప్రభుత్వము

దేవాదాయ ధర్మాదాయ శాఖ

సోందూమత దేవాదాయ ధర్మాదాయ

చట్టము 30/1987 నందలి సెక్షన్ 43 ప్రకారం తయారు చేసిన
రిజిష్టరు

దేవాలయము లేక ధార్మిక సంస్థపేరు

:- శ్రీసీతారామ స్వామివారి దేవస్థానము

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:- ఎనికేపాడు గ్రామము

మండలము

:- విజయవాడ రూరల్ మండలము

జిల్లా

:- కృష్ణా జిల్లా

మేనేజరు/చైర్మన్/కార్యనిర్వహణాధికారి పేరు

:- బూతుకూరి సుబ్బారెడ్డి, బి.ఎ, డి.సి.ఎ.,
ఏకైక ధర్మ కర్త.

దాఖలు చేసిన తేది

:- .04.2005

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వ.నెం.	ఉద్యోగి పేరు	క్యాడర్ స్టెంట్ లిప్రాన్ కాబడివదా దాని వివరములు	సోదా	విద్యారాంశాలు
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1.	జ. సుబ్బారెడ్డి	లేదు	పక్షక ధర్మకర్త	జ.వి. డి.సి.వి.
2.	అగ్ని సోత్రం వెంకట మారుతీరామ్	లేదు	అర్హక	ప్రవేశ

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21) దేవాలయము / ధార్మిక సంస్థచే నిర్వహించబడుచున్న ప్రజాసౌత సేవా కార్యక్రమముల వివరములు
(ఆన్నదానం, విద్య ఆరోగ్యం, వివాహం, ఇతర సేవా కార్యక్రమాల గూర్చి)

శ్రీరామనవమి కళ్యాణము సందర్భముగా గ్రామములోని భక్తుల సాకారముతో శ్రీ స్వామి వారి కళ్యాణము అయిన తదుపరి
16 రోజుల లోపల ఒక రోజువలె పనులు అన్నసంతర్పణ చేయుట జరుగుచున్నది.

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ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
VIJAYAWADA.

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22) దేవాలయము / ధార్మిక సంస్థకు సంబంధించిన ఇతర అన్ని విషయములు పేర్కొనండి.

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Verdict
The manager has to alternative
submit proposal for Rev. Deendar
or land as per Rev. Deendar
with 43(10) or the Rev. Deendar
he should submit the
proposal and obtain order
within 15 days
in the Rev. Deendar
Regd. 15.10.2018
Rev. Deendar

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Government of Andhra Pradesh Debt Relief Department
A register prepared under section 43 of the Hindu Religious Endowment
Act 30/1987.

Temple or Trust Name : SRI SITHARAMA TEMPLE
Village : Enikepadu Village
Mandal : Vijayawada Rural Mandal,
District : Krishna District.
Manager/Chariman/Executive Officer
Name : Bhuthukuri Subba reddy, B.A.,
D.C.A.,
Date : .04.2005

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6. Staff Salaries and Service Details

Sl.No.	Name of the Employee	If Cadre Strength approved ? give details	Designation	Qualification
1	2	3	4	5
1	B. Subba Reddy	No	Single Priest	B.A., D.C.A.
2	Agnihotram Venkata Maruthi ram	No	Archaka	Entry

Post Sanction Order No.	Appointment Order No. Date	Scale /Consolidated Pay Details	Monthly Salary/ annual Salary	Remarks
6	7	8	9	10
No	R.C.No. A1/2382/2005 Dt. 08.04.2005 Sri Asst. Commissioner, Endowment Department, vijayawada	No	Additional responsibility	
No		Consolidate	1200.00	

Sd/-xx
Inspector
Endowment Department
Vijayawada.

21) Details of Public Service Activities Conducted by the Temple (Religious Institution) (Annadanam, Education, Health, Marriage, Other Service Activities):

On the occasion of Sri Rama Navami Kalyanam, with the support of the devotees in the village, Sri Swami Vari Kalyanam is performed. Following this, within 16 days, a day is chosen to conduct Annasantarpana (mass feeding).

Sd/-xx
Sole Trustee

Sd/-xx
Inspector
Endowments Department
Vijayawada

22) Mention Any Other Relevant Matters Related to the Temple / Religious Institution.

Sd/-xx
Sole Trustee

Sd/-xx
Inspector
Endowments Department
Vijayawada

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Office of the Assistant Commissioner
Endowment Department, Vijayawada.

R.Dis No. A1/ 6939/2005 Admn Dated. 6.1.2005

Sub:-Endowment Department- Krishna Dt- Proposal U/S 43(10) of the Act 30/87-
Sri Seetharama Swamy Temple, Enikepadu (V) Vijayawada Rural (M)
- approved - reg.

Ref:- L.Dis No. 375/2005/ Dated 16.7.2005 from the Inspector, Endowment
Department, Vijayawada

Where as vide reference cited, the Inspector, Endowment
Department, Vijayawada, has submitted proposals under section 43(10) of the A.P.C & H.R.I
Endowment Act 30/1987 for approval of property register belonging to Sri Seetharama Swamy
temple Enikepadu (V) Vijayawada Rural (M) Krishna District

The proposals were verified with reference to the previous property register and
the following are the additions /omissions.

Having satisfied with the contents of the register and in the
Circumstances explained by the Inspector as well as the Executive Authority of the Subject temple,
and in exercise of powers vested in him under section 43 of Act 30/1987, the Assistant
Commissioner, Endowment Department, Vijayawada here by approved the property register of the
subject temple under section 43(10) of Act 30/1987.

The Executive Authority shall here after report the Omissions and
additions if any once in a year and the register.

Sd/D.Ramalinga Reddy.
Assistant Commissioner

// t.c.b.o //

M. C. S. S. S.
Superintendent

To,

1. The Executive Authority of Subject institution (W.E 43 Register)
2. The Inspector, Endowment Department, Vijayawada (WE 43 Register)
3. Copy Submitted to the Commissioner, Endowment Department, Hyderabad
4. Copy submitted to the Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowment Department, Kakinada
5. Copy submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Endowment Department, Kakinada

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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

WRIT PETITION No.19625 of 2020

ORDER:

This petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed to issue a direction in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent in issuing Rc.No.A1/1830/2019, dated 12.01.2020, in continuing the petitioner's suspension beyond six months until conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings and termination of all the proceedings in the criminal charges, as illegal and arbitrary.

2. The petitioner is working as Assistant Executive Officer in the establishment of the 3rd respondent-Temple. While so, one T.Srinivas, Superintendent of the 3rd respondent-Temple, attempted to be murdered by one Nagesh, Mujahitulla and Khaja Hussain Shaik due to personal disputes among themselves on 11.03.2019, a crime was registered in Crime No.7 of 2019 of Srisailam Police Station. After he was discharged from hospital, said T.Srinivas due to the rivalry regarding seniority, implicated this petitioner also along with others on 22.04.2019 in the complaint. Thereafter, this petitioner was arrested and lodged in jail on 22.04.2019 and was released on bail on 22.05.2019. As the petitioner was in jail for more than 24 hours, he was kept under suspension and the same was challenged by the petitioner by way of W.P.No.1674 of 2019 and it is pending for adjudication.



It is further submitted that the petitioner made a representation, dated 29.05.2019, for cancellation of the suspension order and for reinstatement, but the same has not been considered and this petitioner filed another W.P.No.8072 of 2019 and the same was disposed of on 28.06.2019 with a direction to consider his representation. Thereafter, the representation was rejected by order, dated 27.11.2019. Challenging this order, the petitioner filed W.P.No.407 of 2012 and the same is pending adjudication. While the matter stood thus, the 3rd respondent issued impugned proceedings in Rc.No.A1/1830/2019, dated 12.01.2020, to continue the petitioner's suspension beyond six months until conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings or till termination of the proceedings before the criminal court.

The order is challenged on the ground that continuation of suspension beyond six months is contrary to law as laid down by the apex court in Ajay Kumar Chowdary vs. Union of India¹. Thereby, the order impugned in the writ petition to continue the suspension order of this petitioner beyond six months is contrary to law and prays to set aside the same.

3. The respondent filed counter admitting issuance of impugned order as the petitioner is arrayed as accused in Crime No.7 of 2019 of Srisailam Police Station for the offence under Sections 307, 120(b), 109 r/w 34 IPC. This petitioner is arrayed as A9 in the above crime and was arrested and released on bail and that he was in jail for more

¹ 2015 Law Suit (SC) 177



than 48 hours. The respondent also admitted about the factum of filing other writ petitions by this petitioner and its pendency before this court. It is further contended that the 3rd respondent has submitted a report to the 2nd respondent in view of Rule 6(1) of G.O.830, Revenue (Endowments) Department, dated 18.08.1989, with a request to pass appropriate orders, as the suspension is beyond six months period and the Memo, dated 27.11.2019, by which petitioner's request for reinstatement was rejected and writ petition is filed. It is further submitted that an enquiry officer was appointed to conduct enquiry on the allegations made against this petitioner and he had retired from service. As such no charge memo was issued to the petitioner. The 2nd respondent passed orders vide Memo, dated 27.11.2019, continuing the petitioner under suspension beyond six months. The petitioner is facing serious criminal charges and the investigation has not been completed and thereby, the suspension of this petitioner cannot be revoked and the petitioner cannot be reinstated into service and, prays to dismiss the writ petition.

4. The short question that falls for consideration in view of the rival contentions is that whether the suspension of the petitioner be continued till termination of the proceedings in departmental enquiry or till termination of the criminal proceedings before the competent court and, if so, whether such continuation of suspension is contrary

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to the principles laid down in Ajay Kumar Chowdary's case (supra) and liable to be set aside?

POINT:

5. Undisputedly, the petitioner was placed under suspension by proceedings in Rc.No.A1/1830/2019, dated 12.01.2020. Thereafter, no charges were framed and no enquiry officer was appointed. But it is contended by the respondents that an enquiry officer was appointed but he retired from service in the course of time. Even assuming for a moment that another enquiry officer was appointed to conduct an enquiry, the role of enquiry officer starts only on receipt of written statement from the delinquent by the appointing/disciplinary authority on initiation of disciplinary proceedings only. When the disciplinary authority not satisfied with the written statement of the delinquent officer, the departmental enquiry is to be initiated by appointing an enquiry officer, but so far no charges were framed by the disciplinary authority and communicated to the petitioner/delinquent calling for his written statement. In those circumstances, appointing an enquiry officer after retirement of earlier enquiry officer is against the procedure and irrelevant for the purpose of deciding this issue.

6. Admittedly, this petitioner was placed under suspension by order, dated 30.04.2019, and almost approximately one year eight months is completed, since then. But the continuation of this petitioner under suspension *ad infinitum* is illegal and contrary to the

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law laid down by the apex court in Ajay Kumar Chowdary's case (supra), wherein the court held that the currency of a suspension order should not extend beyond three months if within this period the memorandum of charges/charge sheet is not served on the delinquent officer/employee; if the memorandum of charges/ charge sheet is served, a reasoned order must be passed for the extension of the suspension.

7. By applying the principle laid down in the above judgment to the present facts of the case, the proceedings are liable to be quashed for the reason that the charge memo was not served on the petitioner/delinquent till date, as admitted by the respondents in their counter specifically. Therefore, continuation of suspension for more than three months is illegal. Moreover, even if any charge sheet is served on the delinquent officer/petitioner herein, a reasoned order has to be passed for continuation of suspension. But in the present case, the second limb has no application as the charge memo itself was not served on the petitioner. Therefore, keeping this petitioner under suspension *ad infinitum* or till termination of proceedings beyond 90 days or beyond three months period is contrary to the law declared by the apex court in the judgment referred supra. Consequently, the order impugned is liable to be set aside while holding no substance in the contention of the respondents. The point is answered accordingly in favour of the petitioner and against the respondents.

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5. With the above directions, the writ petition is allowed setting aside the proceedings issued by the 3rd respondent in Rc.No.A1/1830/2019, dated 12.01.2020.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUSTICE M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

December 23, 2023
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**A.P. CHARITABLE AND HINDU RELIGIOUS
INSTITUTIONS AND ENDOWMENTS OFFICE
HOLDERS AND SERVANTS PUNISHMENT RULES, 1987**

[G.O.Ms.No. 830, Revenue (Endowments-I), dt. 18th August, 1989]

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 37 and 38 read with Section 153 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 (Act No. 30 of 1987) the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules as the same having been previously published as required by sub-section (1) of Section 153 of the said Act.

1. Short Title:- These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Office Holders and Servants Punishment Rules, 1987.

2. Competent Authority means the Trustee or Executive Officer, as the case may be, of an Institution or Endowment to which the office holder or the servant is attached.

3. In addition to the penalties specified in sub-section (1) of Section 37 of the Act, the following penalties may also be imposed by the competent authority on an office holder or servant attached to a charitable or religious institution or endowment, namely:—

- (i) Censure;
- (ii) Withholding of increments or promotion;
- (iii) Reduction to a lower rank in the Seniority list or to a lower grade or to a lower stage in a time-scale of pay; and
- (iv) Recovery from pay of the whole or any part of the pecuniary loss caused to the Government or to a charitable or religious institution or endowment by negligence or breach of orders.

4. No order imposing, on an office-holder or servant attached to a Charitable or Religious Institution or Endowment, any of the penalties specified in Section 37 and Rule 3 above other than an order based on facts which have led to the conviction of the office-holder or servant by a Criminal Court shall be passed except after following the procedure laid down in Rule 19 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1963:

Provided that this rule shall not apply where the authority competent to impose the penalty is satisfied that, for reasons to be recorded in writing, it is not reasonably practicable to hold inquiry or give opportunity as required under aforesaid Rule 19.

5. All or any of the provisions of the aforesaid Rule 19 may, in exceptional cases and for special and sufficient reasons to be recorded by the competent Authority in writing, be waived where there is difficulty in observing fully the requirements of that rule provided that such waiver does not cause any injustice to the office-holder or servant charged.

6. (1) An office-holder or servant attached to a charitable or religious institution or endowment may be ordered to be under suspension from office or service by the trustee, the Executive Officer, the Assistant Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner or the Regional Joint Commissioner or the Additional Commissioner or the Commissioner, as the case may be, pending investigation or enquiry into grave charges where such suspension is necessary in public interest:

Provided that where the investigation has not been completed and the action proposed to be taken in regard to him has not been completed within a period of six months from the date of suspension, the fact shall be reported to the Government the Commissioner, Regional Joint Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner, as the case may be, for orders. The period of suspension shall not, however, exceed six months without the previous orders of the Government in case of suspension ordered by the Commissioner or the Additional Commissioner and of the Commissioner in other cases:

Provided further that during the period of suspension he shall be paid, subsistence allowance in accordance with the rules in Chapter-VIII of the Fundamental Rules and Subsidiary Rules of the Andhra Pradesh Government.

(2) An Office-holder or servant attached to a charitable or religious institution or endowment who is detained in custody whether on a criminal charge or otherwise, for a period exceeding forty-eight hours shall be deemed to have been suspended with effect from the date of detention by an order of the authority competent to impose the suspension and shall remain under suspension until further orders by such authority.

(3) Any order of suspension made or deemed to have been made under this rule may, at any time, be revoked by the authority by which such order was made or deemed to have been made, or by any authority to which that authority is subordinate.

7. Every order imposing the penalty, shall be communicated in writing to the office-holder or servant concerned.

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MEMORANDUM OF WRIT PETITION
(UNDER SEC. 151 C.P.C.)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI
W.P. No. of 2025

Between:

A.Venkata Maruthi Rama,
S/o. Late Dhanwanthari Acharyulu,
Age 43 Years, Occ : Archaka (under suspension) in
Sri Seetharama Swamyvari Temple,
Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural, NTR District

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh,
Revenue (Endowments) Department,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Office at Velgapudi, secretariat Buildings,
Amaravathi, Guntur District.
2. The Commissioner Endowments Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Office at Gollapudi, Vijayawada,
Krishna District.
3. The District Endowment Officer,
Vijayawada, NTR District
4. Sri Seetharama Swamyvari Temple,
Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural, NTR District.
Rep. by its Executive Officer

...Respondents

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit filed in the support of the above writ petition Pending disposal of the writ petition it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to suspend the operation of the impugned proceedings of the 4th respondent dated 08.08.2024 and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Amaravati
Date: 03.04.2025

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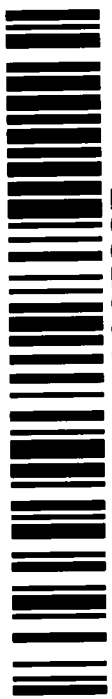
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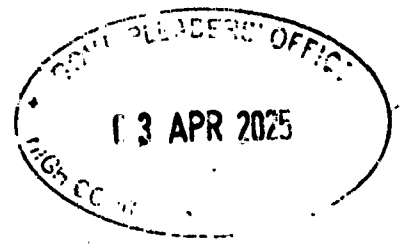
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