

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.28085 of 2005

Date:30.12.2005

Between:

Smt.N.Rani

-----PETITIONER

AND

The State of A.P. and others

-----RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

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The petitioner is the Secretary and Correspondent of A.R. High School, Adinarayanapuram, Chirala, Prakasam District, which is admitted to grant-in-aid. The petitioner appointed the sixth respondent herein as in-charge Head Master for the school in the light of the proceedings, dated 14.08.2003, issued by the Deputy Educational Officer, declaring that the sixth respondent is senior to the fifth respondent. The Regional Joint Director of School Education, Guntur, the third respondent herein, passed the order dated, 05.09.2004, keeping the order, dated 12.08.2004, passed by the petitioner in abeyance, until further orders. The grievance of the petitioner is that though more than one year has elapsed, the third respondent has not disposed of the matter and an uncertainty is prevailing in the institution.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for School Education.

It is not known as to whether the third respondent passed orders, dated 05.09.2004, on his own accord or on a representation made by the fifth respondent. Be that as it may, once he has kept the orders passed by the petitioner herein in abeyance pending further examination, he should have taken follow-up action, without further

loss of time. He cannot have the luxury of stalling the proceedings and leaving the matter at that. Such a step would cripple the administration of the school.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of directing the third respondent to pass appropriate orders in the matter relating to the seniority between respondents 5 and 6, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, duly hearing the affected parties, and intimate the same to the petitioner. There shall be no order as to costs.

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