

**HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GOPALA KRISHNA TAMADA**

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**W.P.No.7310 of 1999**

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**Dated 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2007**

Between:

Movva Venkata Subba Rao  
and four others

.. Petitioners

And

The Executive Officer,  
Sri Durga Malleswaraswamyvari Devasthanam  
Vijayawada, Krishna District  
and another

.. Respondents

**ORDER:**

This writ petition is filed seeking a mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in not regularizing the services of the petitioners who have completed 5 years of service as II Grade Archakas, as illegal and arbitrary.

The petitioners assert that in pursuance of the recommendations of the selections made by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent-Commissioner of Endowments and in view of the orders issued by him in exercise of the powers vested under Section 35(3) of the Act 30 of 1987, the Regional Joint Commissioner and Executive Officer, vide his Proceedings dated 12.6.1996, appointed the petitioners as Paricharikas temporarily in Sri Durga Malleswaraswamyvarla Devasthanam, Vijayawada on a consolidated salary of Rs.500/- each per month. As per these proceedings, the petitioners are required to possess requisite qualifications within a period of two years from the date of the order. The petitioners further state that they have acquired the requisite qualifications within the specified period and they have completed more than five years of service, but now, their grievance is that the respondents have not regularized their services and they are paid only Rs.800/- each per month.

Heard Sri A. Sridhar, learned counsel for the petitioners, the learned Government Pleader for Endowments and perused the material placed on record.

It appears that there are circular instructions which clearly say that if Archaka Paricharikas, who are appointed on temporary basis, have acquired requisite qualifications within a period of two years and they have put in continuous service of five years, their services shall be regularized. Further, the Government issued G.O.Ms.No.858, dated 8.10.1997, according to which, the petitioners' services are to be regularized. Further, the Joint Commissioner and Executive Officer of

the Temple also addressed a letter dated 9.1.1999 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent stating the necessity of regularizing the services of the petitioners. Hence, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent-Commissioner of Endowments to consider the petitioners' case for regularization of their services as Archaka Paricharikas on regular basis by applying the time-scale forthwith.

With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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