IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT

PRESENT THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU WRIT PETITION No.23664 of 2008

Between:

Sri.A.Peera Khan S/o.Abdul Nabi Khan R/o.H.No.13-321, Sainathpuram Street, Mudkur, Kadapa District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

- The APSRTC, rep. by its Regional Manager, Kadapa Region, Kadapa, Kadapa District.
- 2 APSRTC, rep. by its Depot Manager, Rajampet Bus Depot, Kadapa District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue an order direction or writ more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not fixing the pay of the petitioner by adding yearly increments since 2000 as required under Regulations 11 of APSRTC (Pay & Allowance) Regulation as illegal, arbitrary and unjust and consequently direct the respondent to grant yearly increments to the petitioner.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.G.RAVI MOHAN

Counsel for the Respondents: SMT.W.V.S.RAJESWARI

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU WRIT PETITION No.23664 OF 2008

ORDER:

Heard both sides.

This writ petition is filed seeking a Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not fixing the pay of the petitioner by adding annual grade increments since 2000, as required under Regulation 11 of the A.P. State Road Transport Corporation Employees (Pay and Allowances) Regulations, as arbitrary and illegal; and consequently direct the respondents to grant annual grade increments to the petitioner.

It is the case of the petitioner that earlier, while he was working as Helper in the respondent Corporation, he was imposed with a punishment of removal from service for the misconduct of theft, and, on his appeal, the appellate authority ordered for his reinstatement as Cleaner afresh. The grievance of the petitioner is that though he was appointed as Cleaner afresh in the year 2000 pursuant to the order of the appellate authority, his annual grade increments are not being released since 2000 and he is being paid only minimum timescale of pay attached to the post of Cleaner, in spite of his several representations to the respondents in this regard.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on merits, the respondents are directed to consider the case of the petitioner for releasing the annual grade increments for every completed year of service since 2000, as per his eligibility, and pay the arrears within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

JUST ICE C.V. RAMULU

31st October, 2008.