

**WP(PIL) NO: 12 of 2026**

Guntha Venkata Sai Kumar

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others

...Respondents

Advocate for petitioner : Sri Guntha Venkata Sai Kumar (Party
in person)

Advocate for respondents : Learned Government Pleader for
Medical, Health and Family Welfare,
Smt S. Pranathi, learned Special
Government Pleader.

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN**

DATE : 4th February 2026

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The issue that has been highlighted in the present Public Interest Litigation is quite important and relevant and that is to the extent that there is no provision for conducting a Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT), which is highly expensive procedure and is to be undertaken over a period of time, in any of the hospitals/medical colleges run in the Government Sector.

It is stated that a large number of private hospitals do have this facility for which an exorbitant amount is paid by the patients, who, in all cases, may not be in a position to afford the treatment.

It was urged that by virtue of G.O.Rt.No.694, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (I) Department, dated 11.11.2020, the Bone Marrow Transplantation was introduced under the erstwhile Dr.Y.S.R. Aarogyasri Scheme, now Dr. N.T.R. Vaidya Seva, and the amount which is payable for such a treatment requiring Bone Marrow Transplant is capped at Rs.11,00,000/- for patients above the age of 14 years and Rs.10,00,000/- for patients below 14 years.

It is stated that quite a number of patients have lost their lives on account of their financial incapacity.

The petitioner appearing in person has drawn our attention to the fact that a number of neighbouring states have established Government run Bone Marrow Transplant Units and are providing such services almost free of cost.

In our opinion, if the other states in the country could provide for such a treatment, we have no reason to believe that a progressive State like Andhra Pradesh does not have such a capacity or have not conceived a programme whereby such a treatment could be made available in Government run hospitals or the medical colleges.

Let an affidavit be filed with regard to the issues that have been involved in the present petition.

Smt S. Pranathi, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the State, however, states that the Government is contemplating introduction of this specialized treatment in Government run hospitals.

Let an affidavit be filed giving the timelines within which the aforementioned procedures could be successfully undertaken with trained faculty.

List on 18.02.2026.

The Government may also, in the meantime, consider increasing the upper limit for financial reimbursement to the patients affected with the disease which requires such a treatment.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

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