

Profile of B. Sekhara Reddy Advocate

Born on 20 February 1958 at Tirupati and brought up and educated in Tirumala Tirupat Devasthanam education institutions at Tirupati, I graduated in History, Political Science and English Literature from the Sri Venkateswara University Tirupati in 1979. Having been selected in the Railway Service Commission, I joined the Indian Railway Commercial Department in June 1980. After rendering twenty two qualifying years of service, I voluntarily retired from service in April 2002 as Commercial Inspector/Supervisor.

In the process of learning while earning, I post-graduated in English Literature in 1993 and passed pre-Ph.D. examination on the topic "A Study of the Novels of Anita Desai" in March 1996, both from the Sri Venkateswara University Tirupati. I worked from 2002 to 2007 in some of the private Colleges as Lecturer in English after voluntary retirement and graduated in Law in 2010 from the Sri Krishnadevaraya University Anantapur. I registered myself an Advocate with the Bar Council of the combined State of Andhra Pradesh in August 2010. I practised on services side in the Central Administrative Tribunal and subsequently switched over to the High Court of Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation of State in 2014 and closure of AP Administrative Tribunal some time later.

During my service in the Commercial Department of Indian Railways, I had interaction with the Audit and Accounts Departments as well as Vigilance Organisation by reason of my dealings with money matters. In the course of my employment, I gained the knowledge of the organisation and management of Indian Polity including the machinery for the redressal of public grievances, the Vigilance Organisation and Enforcement Directorate, Auditing and Accounting Organisation, the public relations maintenance etc. Having attended as a Defence Counsel in various departmental inquiries to defend the cause of public servants whose cases were defence-worthy, I gained the knowledge of labour laws while in service of the Railways itself. I gained rich experience in disciplinary proceedings by a study of prevention of corruption matters, of welfare legislation and of the rights of the workers. These areas of working knowledge enriched my corpus on service matters and disciplinary proceedings and conduct rules. Thus, service law and jurisprudence became my forte.