

**(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

FRIDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NYAPATHY VIJAY

WRIT PETITION NO: 3488 OF 2026



Between:

Arunachaleswara College of Education (BED), Rep by its Correspondent Sri.
Gopavarapu Panduranga Reddy Racherla, Giddalur, Prakasam District,
Andhra Pradesh

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Higher Education, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi,
Guntur District - 522238
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education, Government of
Andhra Pradesh Rep by its Secretary 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Atmakuru (village)
Mangalagiri (Mandal), Guntur District - 522001
3. The Convener, A.P.ED.CET-2025 1st floor. Directorate of Admissions Building
Acharya Nagarjuna University Nagarjuna Nagar- 522 510 Guntur District,
Andhra Pradesh.
4. Andhra Kesari University, Rep by its Registrar Ongole, Prakasam District
Andhra Pradesh - 523001
5. Andhra Kesari University, Rep by its Controller of Examination Ongole,
Prakasam District Andhra Pradesh - 523001

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his/her Advocate SRI
VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI presented this Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of
India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High
Court may be pleased for the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit. In the

above circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed that this Honourable Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents, more particularly Respondent Nos.2, 4 and 5, in not issuing hall tickets and not permitting the students of the Petitioner institution to appear for the First Semester examinations for the Academic Year 2025-26, despite valid statutory recognition, affiliation and the interim orders dated 07-01- 2026 passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No. 537 of 2026, as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional, and consequently direct the 4th & 5th Respondents, University to issue hall tickets, permit the students to write the First Semester examinations, declare the results and allow them to continue for subsequent semesters.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Higher Education Respondent No.1, Sri K.Radhika, Standing Counsel for Higher Education for Respondent No.2, Standing Counsel for A.P.ED.CET, Sri G.Rambabu, Standing Counsel Respondent No. 4 & 5, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education, The State of Andhra Pradesh, Tulluru, Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi, Guntur District - 522238
2. The Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh Rep by its Secretary 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Atmakuru (village) Mangalagiri (Mandal), Guntur District 522001
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are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate, as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the memorandum of grounds filed therewith (copy enclosed) this **Writ Petition** should not be admitted within four (04) weeks.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 4th, 5th Respondents University to forthwith issue hall tickets and permit the students admitted by the Petitioner institution pursuant to the interim orders dated. 07-01-2026 to appear for the First Semester examinations and to announce the results thereof, in the interest of justice, and pending disposal of WP No. 3488 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following: ORDER

“Notice before admission, returnable in four (04) weeks.

The present Writ Petition is filed to declare the action of Respondent Nos.2, 4 and 5 in not issuing Hall Tickets and for not permitting the students of the Petitioner/Institution to appear for the 1st Semester Examinations for the Academic Year 2025-2026, despite valid statutory recognition, affiliation, and interim orders dated 07.01.2026 passed by this Court in W.P.No.537 of 2026, as illegal and arbitrary.

The Petitioner is an institution which was recognized by National Council for Teacher Education (for short ‘NCTE’) for running Bachelor of Education (for short ‘B.Ed’) course. Apart-from the statutory recognition of NCTE, the Petitioner is also affiliated to Respondent No.4/Andhra Kesari University (hereinafter referred to as ‘the University’) for the academic year 2025-2026 vide Proceedings dated 26.11.2025.

While so, Respondent authorities initiated/notified for the 1st phase of the counselling process for admissions into the B.Ed. course, and it was scheduled from 10.09.2025 to 13.09.2025.

As the Petitioner did not have a valid affiliation with the University at that point of time, the Petitioner was not permitted to participate in the

1st round of counselling. Thereafter, another notification was issued by Respondent Authorities for the 2nd round of counselling, which was scheduled from 29.09.2025 to 03.10.2025. The Petitioner was permitted to participate in the counselling as it had University affiliation, but was restricted to admit only 25% of the sanctioned intake. Questioning the same, the Petitioner filed W.P.No.537 of 2026 and this Court had passed an interim order, directing as under:-

“In the circumstances, subject to outcome of the Writ Petition, respondents are directed to permit the Petitioner institution to admit the students to the full extent of the sanctioned intake as approved by the NCTE and the affiliating University, without restricting admissions to 25% for the academic year 2025-2026”.

In pursuance of the interim order of this Court, the Petitioner admitted students within the notified intake capacity. It is also stated that the 1st semester examinations were scheduled from 09.02.2026 to 14.02.2026, and though the Petitioner had paid the requisite examination fee for the students who were admitted pursuant to the 2nd round of counselling as well as under the interim order of this Court, the University is yet to issue Hall Tickets to the Petitioner/Institution. Hence, the present Writ Petition is filed.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that though the examination fee was paid to the University on 24.01.2026 and the data with regard to the admissions was uploaded to the website of the University on the same day, the University is yet to issue Hall Tickets to the Petitioner/Institution.

Sri T. Niranjan, learned Standing Counsel for the University would submit that in the absence of ratification of data by Respondent No.2, no Hall Tickets can be issued, and it was further submitted that admission by Respondent No.2 is an absolute requirement; in the absence of any ratification, the admissions of the students by the Petitioner/Institution cannot be recognized, and therefore, Hall Tickets cannot be issued.

Learned counsel for Respondent No.2 would submit that unless the ratification is made, the question of issuance of Hall Tickets by the University would not arise.

Heard the respective counsel.

Considering the fact that the 1st Semester examinations are scheduled from 09.02.2026 to 14.02.2026 and the issue of ratification is only a ministerial act and further taking into consideration the fact that the Petitioner/Institution has necessary approvals from NCTE as well as affiliation with the University, pending further orders, the following interim direction is passed:-

(i) The Respondent No.4/University shall issue Hall Tickets to the students of the Petitioner/Institution, forthwith, to enable them to appear for the 1st Semester Examinations which are scheduled from 09.02.2026.

(ii) In the Interregnum, the Petitioner/Institution shall submit the list of students, who were admitted under the 2nd round of counseling i.e., from 29.09.2025 till 03.10.2025, and also the students who were admitted pursuant to the interim order of this Court in W.P.No.537 of 2026, dated 07.01.2026, within a period of one (01) week for the ratification.

(iii) On receipt of the list of students, the Respondent No.2 shall examine and issue appropriate instructions to the Petitioner/Institution regarding the students who were admitted.

Post this matter along with W.P.No.3208 of 2026."

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SD/-K.V.RAGHAVULU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

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6. One CC to SRI. SRI VIJAY MATHUKUMILLI Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. One CC to Sri K.Radhika , Standing Counsel for Higher Education , High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. One CC to Standing Counsel for A.P.ED.CET, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
10. One CC to Sri G.Rambabu, Standing Counsel for Education , High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
11. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

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DATED: 06/02/2026

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